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Eagle returned to Lovells

▶ DNR officers. wildlife rehabbers attempt to release recovered bird

by Caleb Casey Staff Writer

Members of the Wildlife Recovery Association (WRA), a non-profit group that nurses sick and injured birds of prey back to health, attempted to release a rehabilitated eagle back to its home in Lovells this past Saturday.

After the eagle was released, it did not fly away, though it had been flying around earlier that morning in the WRA's 100-foot flight cage.

The sizeable bird rested on the ground near where it was released. by the AuSable River in Lovells Township. A couple hours passed, and upon close inspection biologist Joe Rogers of WRA decided the bird likely suffered a concussion in its holding pen on the drive to Lovells. Disappointed, they packed the bird up and took it back to their home base in Midland County for further rehab.

The injured eagle was found by snowmobilers in January and taken to Caid's Grocery in Lovells. The bird was put into a large container at the store and DNR Conservation Officer Mark Lutz picked the bird up, said Mike Mol, a Conservation Officer based out of Roscommon County.

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Photos by Caleb Casey

(Left) Joe Rogers (right) of the Wildlife Recovery Association, a non-profit group that rehabilitates injured birds of prey, explains that when eagles are released they sometimes make a lunge at gathered spectators before flying away. Local Conservation Officer John Huspen (left) assists by holding onto the bird. (Right) Rogers attempts to help the eagle into the air, but the bird was not ready to fly back into its habitat. Rogers said the bird likely suffered a concussion on the way to the release site in Lovells.

Trout season opens on Saturday

► Seasons for trout, walleye, and pike start on Saturday, April 28

by Caleb Casev **Staff Writer**

This week's weather will likely have a big impact on this weekend's trout opener with regard to how successful anglers will be on area rivers.

On Saturday, April 28, trout season opens for the 2001 season. Held on the last Saturday of April each year, the trout opener can be a big weekend in Grayling due to the presence of the AuSable and Manistee rivers, both of which have a lot to offer anglers.

With rain in the forecast, it is uncertain how well this year's trout opener will treat fishermen.

Since it's the beginning of the trout season, "there hasn't been any pressure," said Jack Millikin, owner of Skip's Sport Shop. "If we can keep (the fish) from getting filled up, (anglers) should do well."

("Pressure" refers to how many anglers fish an area during any given time.)

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Reward offered for return of **EMT's jacket**

Emergency worker's customized coat and pager taken at restaurant

by Cheryll Rulev Staff Writer

A coat displaying a very distinct designed and personalized for its owner was apparently stolen from a local pizzeria last Tuesday night.

Higgins Township Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Kathy Mobarak, who also serves as a trustee on the Beaver Creek Township Board, was supervising a visit with foster children and stopped at the Grayling Pizza Hut on April 17. When she went to leave, she discovered that her Higgins Township Fire Department jacket was gone.

"This jacket should be very noticeable because it is one of only a few in existence with the Firemen's Memorial embroidered on the back and 'Mo' (for Mobarak) embroidered on the front," she explained.

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BECOMING FRIENDS



Six-year old Alexandra Baudoux and her three-year old brother Nicholas, of Grayling, found a new friend to love and play with at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County's Adopt-A-Pet Day held on April 21. The children chose this cuddly border collie mix puppy to add to their family. A total of eight pets were adopted during the day-long event.

Cultural **Events** season to end

▶ Dixieland dinner show to be final event of '00-01 series

Crawford AuSable's Cultural Events Program will wrap up its 2000-01 season on May 3 with a performance by the New Reformation Dixieland Band at the Holiday Inn of Grayling. The performance, the final event of the Command Performance Dinner Series, will offer a buffet meal in addition to a live concert and opening act.

Tickets, which cover the performance, dinner, and dessert, are \$25 each. Ticket quantities are limited; call 344-3535 to reserve tickets.

Dinner will be a "Dixieland buffet" with cajun catfish, shrimp etufee, soup, blackened beef steak, and vegetables.

The event's opening act will be mime Rob Reider. Billed as a "oneman blockbuster where the art of silence is a scream," Reider is known for his amazing juggling acts and audience participation events.

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The main act will be "America's Most Entertaining Jazz Band," the New Reformation Dixieland Band. The band, based out of Saginaw, Michigan, is known for its solid musical performances and humor.

The event will be held in the Grayling Holiday Inn's Evergreen Room on Thursday, May 3. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show starts at 6:30 p.m.

The Dixieland Band dinner concert is the fourth of four Command Performance Dinner Series shows scheduled for this year's Cultural Events Program. The series is made possible through the sponsorship of area businesses and corporations and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The final dinner show is also the last of the Cultural Events Program's 2000-01 line-up, which began back in September 2000 with a performance by Hollywood film legend Mickey Rooney.



New Reformation Dixieland Band

Eagle returned to Lovells area

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The conservation officers transported the eagle to WRA, a licensed animal rehabilitation group. (State and federal licenses are required to rehab eagles and other endangered species.)

WRA has been working with veterinarians to nurse the bird back to health, and tried to release the bird on Saturday. The group always tries to release injured birds near where they were found, said Barb Rogers of WRA.

Dr. Dan White, who worked on the eagle with WRA, said they first rehydrated the bird and then worked on its injured toes. The toes were blistered from an unknown injury, some kind of "crushing injury," White said, and one of the toes eventually had to be amputated.

"Even by the next day it was more active," Dr. White said. "We still don't know what happened to it

in the first place. Probably a sudden injury, a crushing injury."

Barb Rogers said the eagle was banded in 1992, and is nine years old. The bird is most likely a

(Determining an eagle's sex is difficult, Rogers said. The easiest way to tell is that females are about 25-30 percent larger.)

WRA was founded in 1979. The group conducts bird of prey programs in schools and other places all over the state of Michigan in addition to rehabilitating eagles, falcons, hawks, and other birds.

"We get birds from all over the state," Barb Rogers said.

Barb Rogers helps her husband Joe with the WRA programs and rehabbing along with their daughter Joanna. The Rogers family said it plans to work with the eagle some more and try another release when it's ready.



Photo by Caleb Casey

This eagle, which was injured in January, was temporarily released in Lovells this past Saturday. The bird was not ready to re-enter the natural environment due to a freak injury it sustained during the trip to Lovells.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 78 calls for the week of April 16 -

Three assault/intimidation/stalking, two home invasion/burglary, three larceny, three damage to property, six public peace/disorderly miscellaneous criminal offense.

One accident non-traffic, three traffic safety, one false alarm activation, one hazardous conditions, two all other accidents, two motor vehicle inspections, one other inspection, three family civil matter disputes:

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Holocaust drama unfolds on stage



The GHS Players presented their production of "The Diary of Anne Frank," April 19-21 in the Stripe Auditorium. Anne Frank was played by Rachel Ramaswamy. Supporting cast members were played by Joe Pilon, Heidi Niederer, Gina Rosi, John McNamara, Jessica Holzbauer, Jason Glicker, Todd Gaffke, Nickole Hatley, Chris Peters, Alexis Sumner, and Nick Newkirk. Behind the scenes were Lindsey Knapp as Student Director and Michelle Stepp as Student Technical Director. Stage Crew: Jenna Bugyi, Chris Bass, Alisha Wargo, Kristi Wargo, Shane Ferrell, Charlie McNamara, Amanda Boone, Becky Hunt, Meaghan Corwin.

Trout season opens on Saturday, April 28

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Saturday's trout opener, the water will wash food into the river and the fish will feed on it, Millikin explained. If the fish are well-fed, they won't be taking bait with as much frequency, which could leave fishermen out of luck.

If the rain holds off in the 4-5 days prior to Saturday, the opening day of trout season should be a good one, Millikin said.

April 28 will also mark the beginning of pike and walleye seasons.

"The pike and walleye opener is always a real good one," said Millikin. "There's no pressure since the ice is just coming off. The fish are usually pretty active this time of

The lakes aren't adversely affect-If it rains in the few days prior to ed by the rain as much as rivers, Millikin said, so fishing on area lakes should be decent this week-

> Lake Margrethe, Otsego Lake, and Houghton Lake are all popular lakes for pike and walleye, and Higgins Lake is usually good for pike and trout.

> Anglers age 17 and over must have a fishing license in order to fish legally in the state of Michigan. "If you are under 17, you may fish without a license, but you are required to observe all fishing rules and regulations," states the Department of Natural Resources 2001 Michigan Fishing Guide.

According to the 2001 Fishing Guide, Michigan residents can pur-

chase a "24-hour" license, "restricted" license, or "all species" license

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• 24-Hour License – "Good for all species for any designated 24 hour period." Cost is \$7, \$3 for seniors.

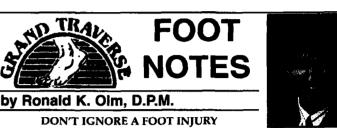
"You must have the (fishing) license in your possession when

purchase that license," according to the DNR.

For more information on fishing rules and regulations, pick up a copy of the 2001 Michigan Fishing Guide and the 2001 Inland Trout & Salmon Guide at a local DNR office or area sporting goods store.

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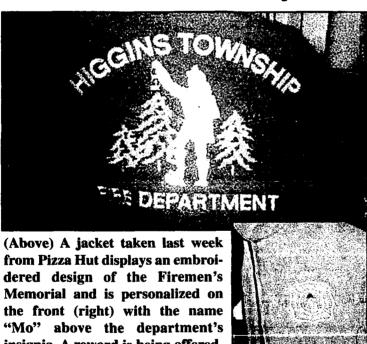
Reward offered for return of EMT's jacket

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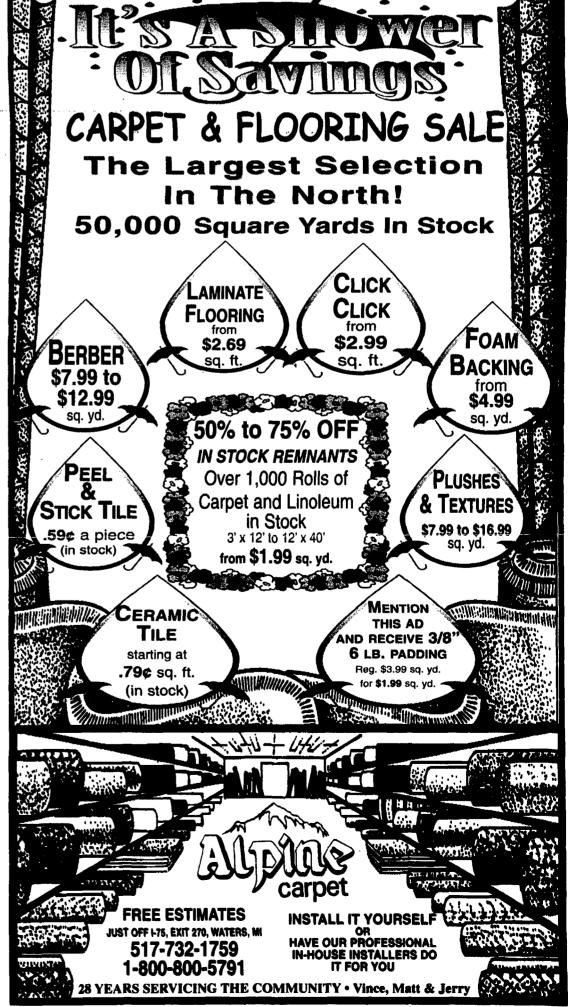
The jacket was made by Carhartt and is described as dark olive/gray. At the time the coat came up missing there was a pager in its pocket. Mobarak said the pager is very important to her work as sometimes it is her only line of communication with the Family Independence Agency (FIA), the Red Cross and many others who coordinate in emergency situa-

A reward is being offered for the jacket's return. Pizza Hut Manager Connie Charles said the jacket can be dropped off at the restaurant, "with no questions asked."

Anyone knowing of the location of this jacket may reach Mobarak at (517) 275-8273 or 275-2277. She urges everyone to keep an eye out and to call her if it's spotted.







PINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Joe Schwarz: Real GOP test, or only a bump in road?

THERE MAY BE a Republican primary next year in Michigan after

State Sen. John J. H. (Joe) Schwarz of Battle Creek has announced he plans to run for governor next year.

In itself, that should be nothing surprising. Joe Schwarz has built a solid record in local and state government, going back more than 20 years, and the governor's chair is a Jogical target.

He has been a Battle Creek city commissioner and mayor, activist in local Republican politics, elected to the state senate four times, works hard on the appropriations committee with a specialty in higher education, receives generally favorable press statewide, and next year is a victim of term limits.

In 2002, there will be no incumbent governor as a candidate for the first time since 1982. So why not any other Michigan Republican with congress, in a district yet to be is not known as the favorite of sinrun for governor? He's certainly qualified by experience. Isn't Joe Schwarz entitled?

That's all normal-year thinking, but 2002 will not be a normal Michigan election. Very few elections are normal.

NEXT YEAR WILL quite differ-

Michigan's Republican kingpin. who has run the state as governor for the last 12 years and has been the controlling presence in the Michigan GOP for almost twice that long, also must bow to term limits.

John Engler can't run again for governor, even if he wanted to -- and few politicians have matched a political office like John Engler matches the governor's job in Michigan.

The hitch for Joe Schwarz, and

hopes to become governor, is that Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus also wants

Perhaps more important, John Engler -- who has been a Posthumus buddy since student days at Michigan State University and all through their state senate years together -- wants him to have the job, too, and so do most of the bigshots in the Republican party structure throughout the state.

Other logical GOP candidates either have been cleared away, or are too shy -- or politically realistic -- to bite the bullet against the Posthumus-Engler tag team.

MOST NOTABLE DROPOUT is Candice Miller, secretary of state, an even more logical candidate for governor than Mr. Schwarz.

Ms. Miller has opted to run for

shaped but which will emerge in a form, as drafted by Engler friends. that promises a Miller election.

A couple of other state senators --Dan DeGrow of Port Huron, and Bill Schuette of Midland -- took a good look at governor, but now talk about ending up elsewhere on the state GOP ticket.

So the Engler machine had effectively cleared the way for heir apparent Dick Posthumus, when up pops Joe Schwarz, right in the middle of the Posthumus promenade through the primary.

Why?

"I have a very nice life outside of politics," Mr. Schwarz has said, "but I'd be kicking myself for the next 10 years if I didn't try this."

He explained in another instance: "I want to see whether a moderate. middle-of-the-road Republican who

gle-issue groups can raise money and mount a winning campaign."

JOE SCHWARZ' QUEST faces stern challenges, but he has faced them before. He does not like to lose, in politics or anything else, and he rarely does.

Last year he took on the long shot job of guiding Sen. John McCain's presidential campaign in Michigan. Gov. Engler, Lt. Gov. Posthumus and the entire Michigan GOP establishment were solidly behind George W. Bush, but Mr. Schwarz' underdog candidate won.

The upset by Sen. McCain in 2000 was aided by roaming Democrats and independents, who won't be available in 2002, because of a lively Democratic primary for governor.

There's also a persistent but so far

unfounded theory that Dick Posthumus actually will be governor sometime before the primary, when Gov. Engler takes a job in Washington. If that happens, odds against an insurgent senator from Battle Creek would rise even more.

The big questions for the Schwarz campaign, however, are these:

Will the crusading senator continue his quest right to the end?

Will he be drawn away by a job offer in the Bush Administration -another recurring but unsubstantiated rumor?

Or will he eventually succumb to political reality, or perhaps to the recurring lure of "a very nice life outside of politics?"

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Plea goes out to Governor regarding DNR

To the editor,

This is an open letter to the people of Grayling:

First of all, I wish to commend Norm and Shirley Schmoock for their excellent letter to the editor on March 29. It takes a lot of courage to stand up to the mighty and allknowing DNR (Department of

Natural Resources). I am forwarding Norm and Shirley's article to Michelle Michelle is the McManus. Ombudsman to Governor Engler for northern Michigan and will supposedly forward our opinions to him for review.

The following is the text of the letter I sent to Ms. McManus: Dear Ms. McManus,

you made was your wish to be a people had no recourse. conduit between the people of

As you may or may not know, a public hearing was recently held for the airing of concerns of the people over a proposed clear cutting of a large number of acres here in Grayling. The area of concern is on M-72 West.

At this particular meeting, representatives of the DNR were present supposedly to listen to the concerns the people had. Many people expressed concerns about what clear cutting this acreage would do to the property of people who have lived many years here, and also concerns for the wildlife which populate and depend on the present environment.

The attitude of the DNR was, to I recently had the privilege of say the least, arrogant and unfeelmeeting you at a Grayling Lions ing. What they told the people in Club meeting. You were our guest so many words was that their plan speaker. One of the main points was already a done deal and the

a lifelong conservative Republican. I have supported the party in the belief that they stand for limited government intrusion into the lives of the people they represent. This is just one reason I am a Republican, but in this case, is one of the most important.

There seems to be a great deal of confusion, myself included, about just who the DNR answers to. In my opinion the buck stops with the

Ms. McManus, we appeal to you to ask the Governor to intervene in this situation. There must be a compromise that will satisfy both the DNR and the people who live in the area of the proposed clear cutting. They have legitimate concerns which deserve to be heard.

We ask that you relay our concerns to the Governor and intervene on their behalf. If there is any question what clear cutting does to Ms. McManus, before I continue, the area, all you need to do is look northern Michigan and the just let me state for the record I am at the property across from the high

school on Old 27 in Grayling.

I am also including an article from our local newspaper which further illustrates the need for the Governor to get involved.

As a final note, just let me state our case in terms perhaps you and the Republican Party may understand... We vote! If this situation cannot be resolved in a way which is acceptable to the DNR and the people of the area, perhaps it is time to consider a third political party which may be more willing to listen to the people they represent.

If anyone else wishes to express their concerns to the Governor on this or any other matter, here is the address and phone number: Michelle McManus, P.O. Box 7009, 540 W. Kave Ave., Marquette MI 49855; telephone (231) 510-2035; fax (906) 228-8347; e-mail McManus@exec.state.mi.us

> James Allman Frederic

We must preserve our right to keep and bear arms

To the editor

We thank Cathy Lester for reading and commenting on our article entitled Gun Rights in our Bible Speaks column for the second week of April. We quoted Paul Harvey's list of historical statistics revealing about 56 million persons murdered in the last century alone by government tyranny and gun control.

Cathy Lester after reading the column asked the question, "Does Pastor B really want us to shoot politicians when we don't agree with them?" This unreasonable conclusion is found in a gun philosophy spread by liberals across America. It goes like this: Guns are evil because they can kill people. Good people that "keep and bear arms" must support and promote evil. Therefore, the right to "keep and bear arms" must be infringed for the general safety of both government and citi-

Guns and swords are amoral things. Most guns are owned by good people for target shooting or hunting game. These millions of guns are not a threat to human safety, but on the contrary are a silent deterrent to all lawlessness. We are a government of the people, by the people and for the people. A gun represents power. How can we talk about returning government power to the people, while excluding our basic right to "keep and bear arms" for self defense of life, liberty and

Our American Revolution against England started after attempts by the crown to disarm our forefathers. In 1777, William Knox, under Secretary of State in the British Colonial Office circulated a proposal entitled "What is Fit to be Done with America?" We quote one paragraph of that document: Militia Laws should be repealed and

none suffered to be re-enacted, & the Arms of all the People should be taken away, & every piece of Ordinance be imported into it without License; they will have but little need of such things for the future, as the King's Troops, Ships & Forts will be sufficient, to protect them from any danger." The principle underlying the above statement is still believed and perpetuated by all liberals in the United Nations and even in America. Our right to keep and bear arms is being infringed today in America because we must prove a "need" to bear arms rather than exercise a "right to bear arms."

Cathy Lester said she believed, 'Jesus wanted us to live in love and peace with each other. I believe that our great country has progressed farther on that path than any country in Jesus's time even dreamed of." She concluded, "To continue progress, we have to safeguard our democracy by Christian principles, by relying on the rule of law, not the rule of the gun."

The 56 million people killed by government tyranny during the last century probably thought they were safe under law without their guns. Lawless crooks and corrupt politicians will always "keep and bear arms" and use them without regard to law, license, or legality. We will never outgrow our need for the Bible as our 1st Amendment offensive weapon. Neither will we ever outgrow our need for a good 2nd Amendment defensive weapon. Jesus taught His disciples that a defensive weapon was more valuable than the clothes on their back. (Luke 22:36)

> Pastor "B" Robert Joseph Barnett Grayling

Founding fathers' wisdom protects us still

To the editor.

Last week, Cathy Lester wrote here that the idea of Christians owning firearms and "arming themselves against their own government" offended her.

Our founding fathers made the Second Amendment a specific right so that the First Amendment (and those Amendments that follow) will be permanently guaranteed by the people. It's the wording in that written document that protects the populace from everyday government

The written Ten Commandments have not ended sin, however, and the U.S. Constitution has not ended the recurring tyrants who violate their oath at will and abuse the powers of their "public" office.

and too many other incidents.

According to this State's

When "the rule of the gun" and not the rule of the (people's) law prevails, we have too many examples of the wrong home being invaded, and the wrong citizens, including children being killed as in the Gordon Kaul, Ruby Ridge, Waco

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Constitution (Article 1, Section 1,) "All political power is inherent in Americans are armed the people." Slaves do not have The governing class (whether left

political power, and slaves do not own guns. In fact, it is impossible for the self-governing to have a revolution, because the self-governing are the government, of and by them-The 1963 Michigan selves. Constitution makes this very clear. (Section 6) "Every person has a

right to keen and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state." Cathy Lester would probably feel very uncomfortable in Switzerland where every able-bodied citizen maintains an assault rifle in each home. The stalwart Swiss have successfully defended their neutrality against some of the worst dictators our world has ever known. It is also safe to walk the streets at night there. The Swiss may well have remembered Benjamin Franklin's warning that if you give up liberty for the sake of security, you will soon have neither. Not all of Europe listened to him.

When the King's tax collectors paid visits to our early American's houses, they often heard the reply, "We have no king in our home, but Jesus." Due to Jesus' instruction to us all (and as Lester briefly quotes) "buy a sword," the tax collectors

need not ask then (nor now) if

or right) along with the especiallyprivileged and other new elite classes will always have guns. And so will their bodyguards be well armed along with their other hired guns. The idea of disarming the general populace was taken from the Communist Manifesto of more than 75 years ago. It was of course touted way back then to be "a step forward" by the leftist Nation maga-

Stalin, Mao, and Hitler embraced that part of the red Manifesto. Hitler alone (and also unlike Clinton-Reno) never utilized tanks and armed aircraft against his own people, but then he was only in power a few years.

But, let's applaud Cathy Lester's call for love. Love like hate, however, are both intangible and very hard to measure or qualify. Therefore to her love, let's add the wisdom of our Founders and wisdom as in Ecclesiastes 10:10: "If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct."

Joseph Callewaert

Grayling Township

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of The Avi

Lawsuit may shed some light

To the editor,

Regarding Deanne Whiteside's letter wondering why the Animal Shelter Board is unclear on why they need more funds, remember the adage: "Follow the money."

You can be sure that in some fashion Joe "Big Shot" (dot the 'o') Porter and at least some board members are or will be profiting from this on-going exercise. Certainly a rosycheeked attorney will.

I only know what I read in the paper, but it doesn't take a gypsy with a pot full of tea leaves to figure

out that - as Deanne says - people with something to hide always will become defensive and refuse to answer questions. (I'm still wondering how the board got their hands on funds Dixie had accumulated.)

It's obvious some sort of pettifoggery is going on. I've never seen anything in the paper as to why this entire unpleasantness got started in the first place. Let's hope the lawsuit sheds light on the matter.

> Kenn Hildebrand Kalamazoo

Bradstreet to meet with area residents

State Rep. Ken Bradstreet (R-Gaylord) will be in Grayling on Monday, May 7 to talk with area residents. The 105th District lawmaker has scheduled office hours in the district courtroom at the Crawford County Courthouse from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The courthouse is located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in Grayling. "No appointment is necessary and I welcome everyone to come in for a talk," Bradstreet said. "I'm here to listen to people's thoughts and concerns about state government issues." For more information, call Bradstreet's Lansing office toll free at 1-877-KEN-4-105.

Church to host all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Michigan Avenue in Grayling will host an all-you-can-eat soup, sandwich, salad, and dessert luncheon on Thursday, May 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$4.50 per person; take-outs will be available. Everyone is welcome.

Retired state employees to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, May 1 at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Annual Book Fair coming to Mercy

The Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary will be holding its annual Book Fair on Thursday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, May 4 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the hospital Gallery. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Mercy Hospital Grayling. The public is invited.

Eagles' Ladies Auxiliary to elect officers

Members of the Grayling Eagles' Ladies Auxiliary #3465 will hold the election of newly nominated officers on Thursday, May 3 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with results announced at the meeting to follow.

Women's golf league to hold meeting

The Wednesday Women's Golf League will hold their organizational meeting on Wednesday, May 2 at 8:30 a.m. at the Grayling Country Club. Anyone interested in joining this league should plan to attend. Weather permitting, a round of golf will be played immediately after the meeting. For more information, call Jeanette Kitchen at 348-4502.

Free hearing/vision screenings offered

District Health Department #10 will offer free hearing and vision screenings for children age three to 18 years on Friday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Head Start School Building. Call the Health Department at 348-7800 to schedule an appointment.

Youth Booster raffle winners announced

Grayling Youth Booster Club raffle winners of \$25 dollars each for the weekly drawing held April 15 were Sarah Golnick, Matt La Chance, Shirley Lambert. Winners of the drawing on April 22 were John Jones, Trudy Hawkins, Brian Owen, and Jim Johnson.

Republican Party Lincoln Day dinner

The Crawford County Republican Party will be holding its annual Lincoln Day Dinner at Shoppenagon's Inn on Saturday, May 12, beginning with social hour at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 dollars per person. For tickets, call 348-7253, 348-4353, or 344-0505 by May 6.

Transplant Support group to meet

The next meeting of the Organ Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan is Saturday, April 28 at 1 p.m. at the Otsego Memorial Hospital Classroom in Gaylord on US-27 North. Recipients and donors should feel free to bring along family members and friends. The public is welcome to attend. Please bring any donations of Carter's slips. For more information, call Bev Cherwinski at (517) 983-4188.

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Ablaze'

27 at 6 p.m.

Johanna Jurkovich.

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The Burning Bush Tabernacle,

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"Women Ablaze" this Friday, April

The meeting will begin with din-

Women Ablaze is an interdenom-

inational group of women who meet monthly for fellowship and

ministry. All local ladies are invit-

For more information, call Pastor

ner, followed by the ministry of

GUDA says 'go fish' and

Grayling Uptown The District Association, better known as GUDA, will host an unusual fishing contest this Saturday. You don't even need to go near the water, but you do need a license.

Licenses for this special day of fishing can be purchased for \$2 at any of the 17 participating shops and restaurants. Then, the contest begins.

Visit each shop where you will be given a sealed envelope with a fish inside.

At the end of the day, everyone will meet at Shoppenagon's Inn where the envelopes will be opened and "catches" will be weighed and prizes awarded.

The Grand Prize is over \$200.

Special bonus prizes will also be awarded.

Look for a list of participating businesses in an ad placed somewhere in this week's Avalanche.

Join the fun and try to catch the big one!

Senior Chore Program needs your help

With warmer weather right around the corner, the Commission on Aging Board members voted on April 18 to start up a chore program in the next couple weeks to help local senior citizens with tasks around their homes.

The Commission on Aging offered a chore program in the past, but due to reductions in funding from federal and state sources, the program was cut.

The Commission on Aging believes the Chore Program, serving seniors age 60 and older, is a

necessary program. It covers safety issues, minor home repairs and outdoor chores. The charge for this program will be on a donation basis. Because it is no longer funded through state or federal grants, donations will help keep the program going.

Any non-seniors or local groups who would like to make a donation to the Senior Chore Program should call Crawford County Commission on Aging Director Nova Anderson at 348-7123. Any contributions will be accepted.

GRA to offer fire arms safety class, shooting leagues

Grayling Recreation Authority Youth Fire Arms Safety and Shooting Leagues will begin Saturday, May 5, with a class on Fire Arms Safety. Shooting Leagues will begin Monday, May 7 from 5-9 p.m. Program cost is \$25 dollars.

The program is hosted by the Graying Sportsman's Club and will meet at their location on Old Lake

Each successful participant in the program will receive a Certificate of Participation for completing the training and shooting exercises.

To sign up for the program or for more information, contact GRA representative Cindy Olson at 348-

Red Cross blood drive planned

A Crawford County Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2 from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Grayling. All blood types are needed.

Anyone at least 17 years of age and weighing at least 110 pounds may donate blood. Nurses will be available at the blood drive to answer questions.

The Grayling High School Blood Drive was very successful, with the following persons receiving Gallon Pins: 7-Gallons - Dale French; 10-Gallons - Allan Myers. At the Frederic Blood Drive, John R. Stevens received a 1-Gallon Pin.

The following people donated blood for the first time:

At Frederic - Mark MacKay and Catherine Hilbrecht.

At Grayling High School: Zongnow Xiong, Regina Thompson, Matthew Thomas, Alexis Sumner, Max Schreiner, Kimberly Ruley,

Funding now available through Agency on Aging

The Region IX Area Agency on Aging has Title III E National Family Caregiver Support Program funding available.

Organizations interested applying should call Dawn Jacobs at (989) 356-3474, ext. 213 or send a letter of intent to: NEMSCA, Region IX Area Agency on Aging, Attn: Dawn Jacobs - Grants Manager, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, MI 49707.

Deadline for letters of intent is May 15, 2001.

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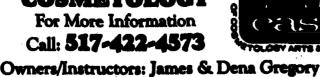


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Wible Speaks

Environmental Terrorists

Sam Stanton of the Scripps McClatchy Western Service wrote recently about the growing violence and threats of environmental groups. Stanton said, "Two weeks after claiming responsibility for its first arson attack in California, the Earth Liberation Front has issued a nationwide call for "militant direct action" against FBI offices and other federal buildings.'

The group has claimed to cause at lease \$37 million in damages to numerous timber operations, ski resorts and other entities the ELF believes have hurt the environment. They claimed responsibility for the Feb 20th pre-dawn fire at a cotton gin near Visalia causing \$700.000 in damage. Their reason for burning the plant was their claims that genetically engineered cotton seeds were being ginned. Officials investigating the fire found no evidence of such seeds in use.

In Florida, Meghan Meyer a staff writer for the Palm Beach post reported actions taken by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to boycott U.S.Sugar Corp. products to protect the safety of rabbits during sugar harvesting. You may remember PETA in the national headlines from their "I'd Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur" campaign. Locals in Florida can remember how for years local kids have participated in the "rundown," waiting outside the LORD God make coats of skins, and burning cane fields to bag a bunny to eat or sell for food. But Stephanie Boyles, wildlife biologist for PETA said, 'Apparently this has been a chronic situation for what seems to be decades. But few people knew about the number of wild animals that suffer in the hums not to mention people who pick them off and sell the animals' bodies for prof-

The above people are worshipping mother earth instead of God. "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things." (Rom

God said to Adam and Eve, 28And God blessed them, and God said unto them. Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." (Gen 1:27,28) God made the first human clothes from animal skins. "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the

clothed them." God gave us animals for food. "And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. 3Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things." (Gen. 9:2,3) When the apostle Peter had a problem with eating certain meat God corrected him in Acts 10:13, "And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat," Don't let the "tree huggers," "leaf lickers," and "bunny huggers" rob you of God's will and God's blessings for you as His stewards of His wonderful creation. Pastor "B'

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our Websites http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/ and at http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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stinger. It cannot harm

you now Christ took the sting for us when he died on the Cross. We read in 1 Corinthians 15:55... O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" When we believe that Christ died to atone for our sins that we might have eternal life, death has no victory...no

Rejoice as you worship this week, for Christ has taken the sting

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Boy Scouts go 'scouting for food'

Grayling Boy Scouts and Cub on Saturday, April 28. Scouts will be collecting the food donation bags that were distributed last weekend as part of a scouting for food community service program. The scouts plan to begin picking up the donation bags at 9 a.m.

Donation bags should be placed near a door or on a porch visible from the road. All food donations will be delivered to the Crawford County Christian Help Center.

Anyone interested in participat-

ing in the event, who will not be available on April 28, can drop off food anytime at Goodale's Bakery or The Medicine Shoppe.

Questions about the program should be directed to Loren Goodale at 348-8682.



Local scouts deliver bags to residents throughout Crawford County hoping they will be filled with canned goods to help stock the shelves of the Help Center. The bags will be picked up this Saturday. From left are: Adam Malone, Brian Stewart, Mathew Dunckel, and Josh Aimesbury.

P.I.T. STOP

Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by Parent Improvement Team, **Grayling Middle School**

• BAND - Band members participated in the District Solo & Ensemble held at Johannesburg this past Saturday. All our students took ribbons: 27 students brought home 1's, 18 students brought home 2's, and two students brought home 3's.

• 6th GRADE - The Safari Project is under way on the 2-person team and the 4-person team students are working on research papers. Ask your child if they need help with this. The 6th grade PERK TRIP will be June 7 at Beaver Creek Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• 8th GRADE - Choir will be performing for the Elementary School students this week.

big parent-student challenge at Hanson Hills. All parents are welcome and encouraged to come. We will need parent volunteers to help the teachers run the games and relay races and guide natural hikes. The school will provide lunches but the parents are asked to bring snacks and dessert. If you would like to have your choice of where you would like to help please contact Shirley at 348-1348 or Stan Forester at the Middle School. The event will feature a dunk tank, a lip sync contest, and a lot of crazy ideas for parent/student participation. The student council will be coming up with further game ideas.

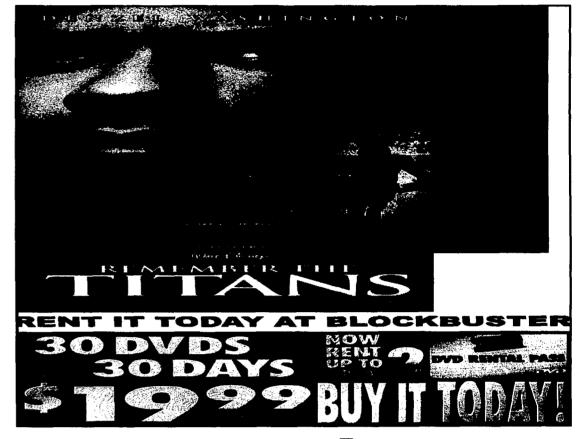
• May 4th - State Band Festival will be held in Benzonia at 3 p.m.

• May 11th - This is the day of the This is on a Friday afternoon, so parents you may want to try to get the afternoon off to attend this challenge offered to our band members.

> • May 18th & 19th - "Teens in Tinseltown" is the Middle School play this Spring. They will be having a dinner theater with this event.

> • The parents group will be having a meeting on Friday at 8:25 a.m. at Grayling Middle School.

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dren will have classes on May 2. 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24 & 29. Breast and Cervical Cancer

Screening on May 9 - Call (800) 968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women ages 40 - 64, who have limited or no health insurance.

Other Services Available:

FREE Hearing and Vision Screenings for ages 3 - 18 by appointment, May 4 (Held at the Headstart Building).

Maternal, Infant Support -Families Matter.

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HIV/AIDS testing. OSHA Bloodbourne Pathogen Standard Training Session.

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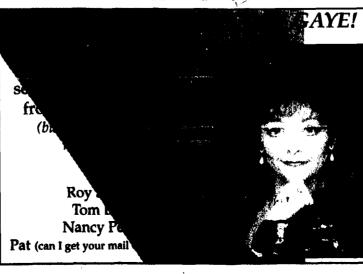
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All have finished the 40 hour curriculum approved by the State Court Administrative Office Mediators. Each volunteer mediator must now serve an internship before they begin a period of comediating.

All have volunteered to be mediators for Community Mediation Services located in Gaylord. Community Mediation Services provides mediators to all the communities in five northern Michigan Counties, including Antrim. Cheboygan, Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego.

Community Mediation Services is supported in part by the State Court Administrative Office in Lansing The program brings people together to help them resolve their dispute. The process begins with a request for mediation from an individual or a referral from an agency such as a court, an attorney, the prosecutor, a Sheriff or other service

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Manuszak, Sara Parker of Grayling. Not pictured Pamela Tavernier of Frederic.

dispute, a mediation is scheduled. The two parties meet in a controlled atmosphere with two mediators present and work out a solution to their dispute.

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The mediators' job is to remain neutral, maintain confidentiality and look for areas of agreement and facilitate the resolution of the dis-

Disputes range from neighborhood issues such as driveway or fence problems, consumer merchant disputes, small claims, landlord/tenant disputes, disputes between parent and child, between parent and school, and business and contract disputes. Community Mediation Services does not charge any fee.

Volunteer Community Mediation Services director and recent graduates are ready to help

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Grayling and Art La Forest; (seated, from left): Suzanne Kowalski, Marian Lacy, Lillian

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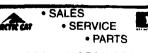
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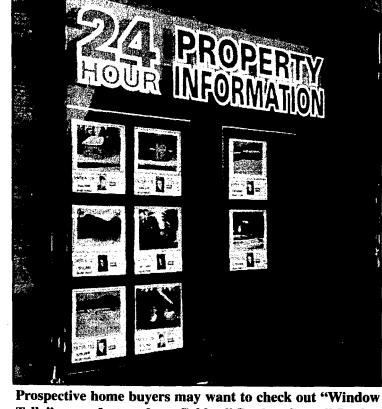
by Dave Golnick Staff Writer

Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty recently opened a new service for potential house buyers with the introduction of "Window Talk." Window Talk is a push-button database which allows you to access information regarding homes and property without contacting an agent.

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Window Talk is available at the Caldwell Banker Cornell Realty offices in Grayling and Roscommon, and is accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



Talk," a new feature from Coldwell Banker Cornell Realty, offering 24 hour access to its database of area homes currently listed with the company.

LIBRARY NEWS

Volunteer of the Year

Rita Jackson is the volunteer of the year for the Crawford County Libraries from the Lovells Township Library.

Mrs. Jackson has been working at the Lovells Township Library for five years on Wednesday afternoons or when she is needed. Rita likes to contribute something to the community and has also volunteered in the schools with her husband Charles.

"If it has a cover I like it," is how Rita sums up her reading likes and dislikes. Her husband Charles, states she has a "garbage mind"

because Rita will read everything from non-fiction, mystery to biographies.

Rita enjoys biographies about people in politics, public life and writers. She also enjoys her subscription to New York Times Book Review from which she creates a list of things to read. Mrs. Jackson donates the New York Times Book Review to the Crawford County Library and was pleased to see The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse by Louise Erdrich was on her list and in the Library available for her to check out.

Mrs. Jackson was in the hospital corps of the Navy during WWII, a librarian at George Washington University medical library for one summer, a reading specialist, mom, wife, knitter and now a volunteer at the Lovells Township Library.

Lovells Township Library is open Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday noon to 3 p.m. Phone is 348-9215

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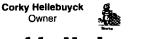
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Gannon Broadcasting announces new station

by Dave Golnick Staff Writer

Gannon Broadcasting Systems Inc. has announced the airing of a new radio station servicing the local area, AM 123.0 WRY "Music for Your Life?

This marks the third station in the Gannon Broadcast Network which includes Y100.3 WGRY FM and Decades 101.1 WQON FM.

"Music for Your Life" will feature Big Band, Jazz, and Oldies music from the 1940's, 50's, and 60's. The program also offers trivial questions throughout the day which date back

to the time period of the music. It will run on the air 24 hours a day.

According to Bill Gannon, owner of Gannon Broadcasting Systems, the new station was created for people ages 55 and older to enjoy music that was not previously available to

"We want to try to cater to the people who aren't covered by the other two stations," said Gannon.

The station is currently on the air for a 90 day trial period so the popularity of the station can be calculated to determine if in fact the station could be successful in the area.

Doctor opens private practice

Charles G. Todoroff, MD will Prior to that time, Dr. Todoroff was open an office of independent private practice in Grayling on May 1.

Dr. Todoroff is board-certified and university-trained in Internal Medicine.

He will continue to practice within the Department of Internal Medicine of Mercy Hospital, as he has done since September 1992.

in private practice in Dearborn for 12 years.

Dr. Todoroff's new practice will be located at 306 East Michigan Avenue in Grayling; telephone 348-4445 or outside Crawford County, call toll-free 1-866-348-4445. Calls are still being accepted at his prior office number, 348-6828.

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William C. Tufts Apr. 6, 1915 - Apr. 19, 2001 William Covey Tufts, 86, a retired Colonel of Grayling, died at Mercy Hospital on April 19.

Mr. Tufts was born April 6, 1915 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin to William C. and Viola (Covey) Tufts. On September 11, 1982 he married Gladys L. McKnight at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling.

Mr. Tufts graduated from Shattuck Military School in Faribault, Minnesota and then from the University of Minnesota. He was a member of the R.O.T.C. throughout high school and college. In 1937 he served as second Lieutenant at Ft. Wayne in Detroit. Mr. Tufts served one year as military commander with the Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.). In 1940 he returned to regular army service at Fort Custer, then was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia for three and a half years. He served in the South Pacific in WWII and returned to Grayling after the war. He was recalled to active service in 1951, serving in the Korean War. William owned and operated Tufts Distributing Company in Grayling for many vears, retiring in 1976. He belonged to the Grayling Masonic Lodge, a 32nd degree Mason, and Scottish Rite. He also belonged to the Retired Officers Association, American Legion Post #106 in Grayling and Charter Member of the Manistee River Association. Mr. Tufts was also the chairman of the Endowment Committee at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church where he was a member and he also volunteered at River House Shelter.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Pauline Schoonover; one infant son; son Gerald Wysocki and two sisters.

Survivors include: his wife, Gladys; two sons, Robert (Dorothy) Wysocki of Mio and Thomas, (Gail) ... Wysocki ... of Traverse City; one daughter-inlaw, Grace Stearns of Clinton Township; 13 grandchildren; 30 great grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren; one niece, Nancy (Douglas) Tompson of Orange, California; two nephews, William (Jacquie) Culver of Washington, D.C. and Robert (Constance) Roden of Madison, Wisconsin.

Funeral services were held April 23 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Reverend Jeffrey Jaggers officiated. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Memorials may be sent to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, or River House Shelter Building Fund.

Arrangements made Sorenson Funeral Home.

Douglas D. Harmer Feb. 17, 1928 - Dec. 18, 2000 Douglas D. "John" Harmer, 72,

of Frederic died at his home on December 18, 2000.

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Edna M. Canfield May 4, 1923 - April 11, 2001 Edna May Canfield, 77, of Maple Forest Township died at her

home on April 11, 2001. Mrs. Canfield was born May 4. 1923 in Montrose to Roy and Clara (Swenson) Wilbur. She married Francis Blanchard on September 3, 1939 in Swartz Creek. He preceded her in death in 1945 in WWII while serving in the

U.S. Army. Edna then married

Harry Canfield on February 11, 1950 in Grayling. Harry and Edna lived in Maple Forest Township for 46 years, raising their eight children on a family farm where they raised chickens, cows, pigs and work horses. They were known for their fresh produce and Edna's beautiful flower gardens. Edna was well known for her letter writing, she would write to hundreds of people and you always felt special if you received one of her letters filled with anec-

dotes or her poetry, and happen-

ings of the daily life on the farm.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Francis; two grandchildren, Todd and Brent; two great grandchildren, Cassie and Dylan; three sisters, Verna Dunning, Avis Keown, and Iva Lawrence; four brothers, Arnie, Harold, Larry and Wes Wilbur and one son-in-law, Harold Willoughby.

Survivors include: her husband Harry; six daughters, Diane Willoughby of Grayling, Darlene (Ted) Blanchard of Traverse City, (Larry) Blanchard of Grayling, Noreen Harmer of Grayling, Janet (Larry) Bancroft of Berea, Kentucky and Nancy (Don) Lownsbery of Grayling; two sons, Tim (Laurie) Canfield of Gaylord and Art (Joan) Canfield of Florence, Wisconsin; 19 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren; three sisters, Erma Sharp of Arizona, Donna Murdock of Montrose and Shirley (Terry) Rudd of Flint and one brother Dennis Wilbur of Flint.

A funeral was held on April 14 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Reverend Jeffrey Jaggers officiated.

Burial will be at Maple Forest Township Cemetery.

The family requests memorials go to Maple Forest Township Cemetery Beautification Fund c/o Kae Blanchard, 6691 Hartwick Pines Road, Grayling, MI 49738. Arrangements made

Sorenson Funeral Home.

Strohpaul, Trudeau to marry



Nicole Strohpaul and Jason Trudeau

Ms. Bonnie Vogel and Mr. Russell H. Strohpaul, Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Strohpaul, to Jason Trudeau, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert and Karen Trudeau and Mr. & Mrs. David and Jackie Farmer. The couple is planning a June 16, 2001 wedding. Jason is employed at CSI Industrial Systems Corp. as a fabricator and Nicole is working on her associates degree in accounting at Davenport University.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 65 complaints during the week of April 15-

Five misdemeanor citations, two civil infraction citations, two traffic accidents, one private property accident, one traffic control complaint, four motorist assists, three misdemeanor arrests, two civil complaints, four larcenies:

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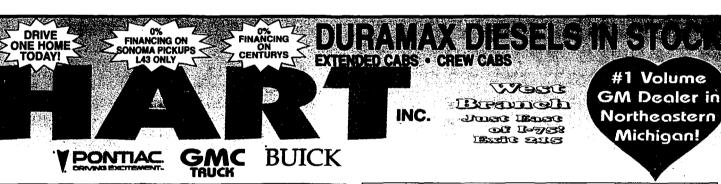
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by Jan Farley

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Stuffed Peppers; 11 a.m. to 12 noon Blood Pressure and sugars taken; 1 p.m. Pinochle Club; MMAP Counselor at 12 and Cardo at 5:30 p.m.; Fri. 27 - Ham Steak/ no dinner; 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and 80 cent Rummy.; Mon. 30 - Veal/ Beef Tips and Noodles; 10:00 Gripes and Gab Club; 12:00 Stag Cards; 1:00 Bridge Club; 5:30 Hangman.

May: Tue. 1 - Macaroni and Cheese with Hot Dogs/ Country Pork; 1:00 Euchre Club; Uno-Attack Game at 5:30 p.m.; Wed. 2 -Chicken Parmesan/ Beef Stroganoff; 10:00 Exercises; 11:00 Line Dancing; 12:30 Stag Cards.



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OBITUARIES

Louis R. Stillwagon

Dec. 27, 1917 - Apr. 1, 2001 Louis R. Stillwagon, 83, of New Port Richey, Florida died at his home April 1.

Mr. Stillwagon was born in Lovells on December 27, 1917 to Emma and Clarence Stillwagon. Louis lived in the Grayling area

He was a Mason. As a member of the American Legion he was instrumental in the building of the current Legion building. He was active in the management of the Grayling Winter Sports Park and under his management, developed the park into what became well known as Bear Mountain.

Louis was the former owner of the Wagon Inn, known for Saturday afternoon entertainment with Ed Harris and the Wagoneers. He was also a former owner of the Red Barn in Grayling and the U and I in Traverse City. He retired to Florida where he developed and owned several other businesses.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter Martha (Jim) Madill; two sisters, Ruth Caid and Martha Halberg and one brother, Jake Stillwagon.

Survivors include: three daughters, Maryda (Lyle) Mead, Emma and Robin Stillwagon; two sons, Mickey (Delores) Stillwagon and Clarence Stillwagon; nine grandchildren and 15 great grandchil-

A memorial service will be held at the Lovells Chapel in Lovells, on May 12 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be given to a fund for his minor children c/o Maryda Mead.

Beulah M. King

Aug. 1, 1914 - Apr. 18, 2001 Beulah M. King, 86, of Grayling died April 18 at the Grayling Nursing Centre in Grayling.

Beulah King was born August 1, 1914 in West Branch to LaFay and Daisy (Hayes) Towner. September 6, 1934 in West Branch, she married Elmer E. King. She spent her entire life in the West Branch, Roscommon and Grayling areas.

She is preceded in death by her husband Elmer King and daughters, Barbara and Bernadine, three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include: two sons, J.C. (Kay Ellen) King of Grayling and Thomas (Jackie) King of Houghton Lake; nine grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held on April 20 at the Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in West

Interment will be at the Brookside Cemetery in West Branch.

Donald L. Burger

Donald L. Burger, 86, of Spring Hill, Florida, formerly of Pontiac died April 14 at Oak Hill Hospital, in Brooksville, Florida,

Mr. Burger was born in Flint and moved to Florida in 1975 from Pontiac. He continued to spend his summers in Grayling for many years.

He was a master mechanic for General Motors in Pontiac for 37 years; a Protestant by faith and a member of the Elks Lodge #810 in Waterford.

Survivors include: his wife, Marjorie; one step-son, Gideon Abbey Robarge of Ossineke; two step-daughters, Marilyn Stowell of Spring Hill, Florida and Ronnie Jean Knerr of Lennon and nine grandchildren.

Arrangements made by National Cremation Society, Brooksville,

Doris A. Bancroft

Oct. 13, 1920 - Apr. 19, 2001 Doris Alena Bancroft, 80, of Grayling died at Mercy Hospital in Grayling April 19.

Mrs. Bancroft was born October 13, 1920 in Vanderbilt to Julius John Kandrow and Maggie Mae LaFayette; she was later adopted by James Guy Leverton.

Mrs. Bancroft had lived in Grayling all her life and graduated from Beaver Creek Township School. Doris later retired from Mercy Hospital in Grayling. She loved to travel; she visited Europe, Luxemburg, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland and most of the 50 United States. Her hobbies included flower and vegetable gardening, cooking ("best cook in the world"), painting scenery, needlework, crocheting, reading mysteries and love stories, listening to country music, collecting antiques dolls, and most of all spending time with her grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her parents; three sisters, Myrtle Small, Mildred Wells and Pearl Leverton; one son, Norman Bancroft; her husband Newman Bancroft who preceded her in death on May 3, 1990, and friend and companion James A. Ray.

Survivors include: three daughters, Evelyn (Gene) Kindler of Grayling, Irene (William, Sr.) Gildner of Grayling and Anita (Russell) Hilliker of Grayling; two sons, Erwin (Barbara) Bancroft of Spring Lake and Larry (Janet) Bancroft of Berea, Kentucky; 17 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; three great - great grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Vickie (Bancroft) Gildner of Grayling and two sisters-in-law, Nora Bancroft of Hart and Martha Bancroft of Grayling.

Funeral services were held at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel on April 21. Bill Denk, Peter Mousseau and Kathy Gillis officiated. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank all of our friends for their cards and all their caring thoughts and prayers. Especially we want to thank our family for all the calls and their support during our time of sorrow. They meant so much to

The family of John E. Failing

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during April 25 through May 1:

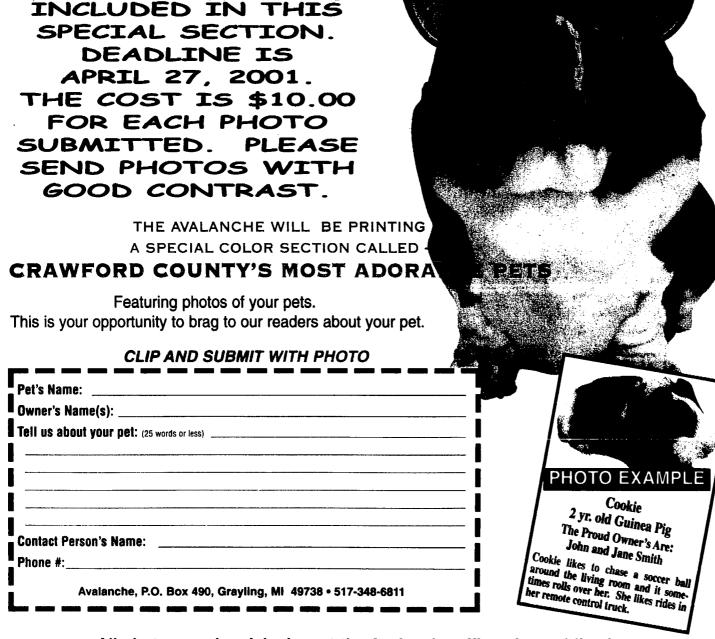
The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin firing conducted. April 24 - April Commence firing, 6 a.m.; Cease-fire, 8 p.m. May 1: Commence firing, 6 a.m.; Cease-

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Thursday, April 26, 2001

Crawford County Avalanche

Wrestling team holds banquet

► Six Vikings earn 20 Victory Awards; several other honors also announced

Grayling High School's wrestling team handed out awards and celebrated another quality season on April 12 at the squad's annual honors banquet.

The team, which consisted of eight freshmen and four upper classmen, ended the year with a 13-13 dual meet record. The Vikings placed 5th in the conference, won a team championship at Charlevoix, and had five athletes place in the conference as individuals. Four GHS wrestlers placed at Districts to qualify for Regionals, and one, Chris Peters, qualified for State.

Team awards for this year's wrestling squad included:

- 20 Victories Award Adam Malone (112), 30-20 season record; Andy Palmer (125), 31-17; Darryl Babbitt (140), 30-17; Chris Peters (171), 48-9; Victor CdeBaca (189), 43-7; Alfred Borchers (215), 20-23;
- Iron Man Award (for never missing a practice) - Malone, Aaron Rosecrans:
- Most Improved Rosecrans, Jessie Mooneyham;
- 110% Award Brandon Pratt; • Fighting Spirit Award - Babbitt,
- **Dusty Partello**; • MVP - Peters;
- · Captains Award Peters, CdeBaca.

Peters, a senior, was also named to the Traverse City Record-Eagle All-Region Wrestling Team.

Baseball team off to a strong start

Varsity squad wins four of first five games

► Solid pitching and hitting helps GHS jump out to a 4-1 record

Grayling High School's varsity baseball team is off to a good start. winning it first four out of five

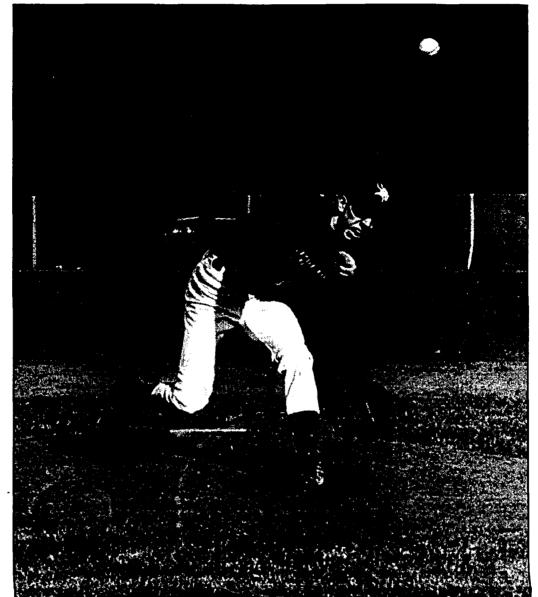
The team's season opener, scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, against Boyne City, was rained out.

The Vikings played their first doubleheader of the year on April 17 at Roscommon. Grayling beat the Bucks in both games by large margins.

The Vikes took game one 22-6. Ryan Mahaffy and Brad Gorski led the hitting attack for Grayling with 4 and 3 hits, respectively. Both players had four RBI in the match. Every Grayling player had a hit in the 20-hit offensive assault. Gorski was the winning pitcher for Grayling.

In game two, which GHS won by mercy rule 18-1, pitcher Justin Schreiber tossed a no-hitter, striking out three and walking four. Schreiber also had a good day at the plate with two hits, including a firstinning grand slam, and 7 RBI. Mahaffy and Gorski also added two hits apiece to the offensive effort.

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Justin Schreiber pitches for the Vikings against Boyne City last Wednesday. Schreiber pitched a no-hitter against Roscommon last Tuesday.

GHS Alumni Baseball Game planned for May 26

Event to help 'introduce the past to the present' at GHS baseball field

The GHS baseball program is planning its First Annual Grayling High School Alumni Baseball Game for Saturday, May

One of the goals of the event is to "help us introduce the past to the present," said GHS Baseball Coach Duane VanDrese.

The game will pit former Viking baseball players against this year's varsity players. Cost to participate will be \$20, and each player will receive a T-shirt. The T-shirts will indicate the year the GHS alumni graduated as well as the jersey number worn by these athletes from the past.

The game will be played on Saturday, May 26, at 4 p.m. at the GHS field. Those interested in playing can call Coach Duane VanDrese at 348-3947.

Softball team sweeps Bucks, Blazers

► Varsity softball team off to a good start at 4-1 with two series sweeps

Grayling High School's varsity girls softball team is off to a 4-1 start following wins over Kalkaska and Roscommon.

On April 20, the Vikings swept the Blazers of Kalkaska in a doubleheader at GHS, Grayling's home

Grayling won game one 2-1 in a closely contested battle that came down to the wire.

With bases loaded and the score tied 1-1, with two outs and the count at 3-2 bottom of the 6th, Ashley Wolcott took ball four to walk in Tab Harney, sealing the win for GHS.

Grayling scored its first run in the 5th inning when Nikita Sartin stole second and third, and then scored on a play with heads up running.

Pitcher Arica Wolcott had 7 strikeouts, and no walks.

"As a coach, I am lucky to have such a competitor in a critical role," said Coach Donna Boughner. "(Catcher) Tab Ketchum had no passed balls, and kept the Blazers hugging their bases with her perfect throws to second."

Defensively, Lori Hinkle had 7 put-outs with assists from Harney (2), Jamie Dent (2), Emily Fox (3), and Wolcott and Ketchum with 2 each. Dent, Fox, Harney, and Jennifer Lehman each had a put-out of their own.

Grayling won the second game 8-2. Heads up baserunning and solid

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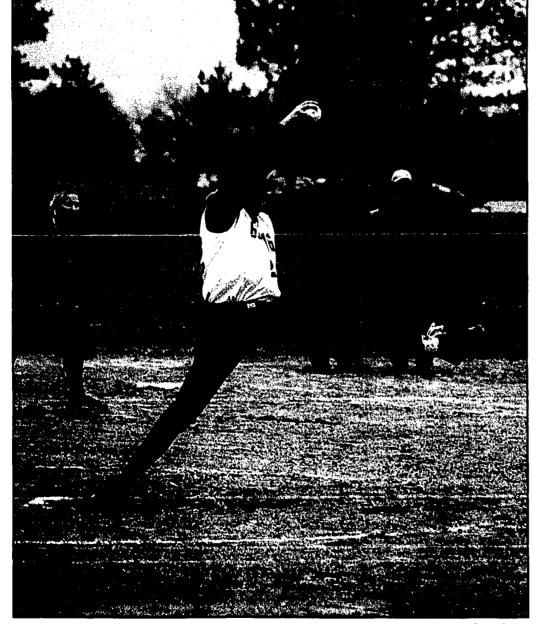
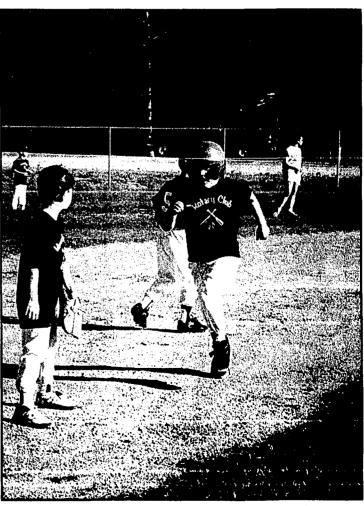


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Arica Wolcott pitches against the Blazers of Kalkaska last Friday. Grayling won both games of the doubleheader vs. Kalkaska.

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OPENING DAY SET FOR MAY 14



Grayling Little League will be accepting late registrations until April 27 for the 2001 season. Draft Night will be April 29, and teams can start practicing on April 30. The first games for this season are set for May 14. Field Maintenance Day will be held on May 5. For more, see Page 3B, "Little League..."

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Varsity track team holds home opener

► Vikings place well in several events against Mio and Cheboygan

Grayling High School's track athletes posted several top finishes against their opponents last Wednesday in Grayling.

The girls track team took second place against Mio and Cheboygan on Wednesday in the team's first home meet of the season.

Top placements for Grayling included: (against Mio) Tracy Parkinson, 1st place, 100-meter hurdles, time: 0:19.23, 1st place, 300meter hurdles, time 0:58.38; Jessica Green, 1st place, 100-meter dash, time: 0:15.25, 1st place, 200-meter run, time: 0:31.57; Sarah Golnick, 1st place, 1600-meter run, time: 6:35; Ashley Hawley, 1st place, 400-meter run, time: 1:10.9;

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Vikings of the Week

Boys/Girls Track

Coach: Cousineau/Meier **JESSICA GREEN &**

DAN CORWIN

Jessica placed in three events

last week to help the Vikings take 2nd at their home meet.

Dan improved his 800m leg of

the 3200m relay by 10 seconds improved his 3200m time by

over 30 seconds, ran a 61 second quarter, and improved his

mile time by 15 seconds. "I felt he improved more than anybody

on our team this week," his

Rachael Evon, 3rd place, 800-meter run, time: 3:23.4; (against Cheboygan) Parkinson, 3rd place, 100-meter hurdles, time: 0:19.23; Kate Nickert, 3rd place, high jump, jump: 4'10"; Green, 3rd place, long jump, jump: 13'4.75".

"For our first home meet we took second place," said Coach William Meier. "They did a nice job."

For the boys team, the following Vikings placed (against Cheboygan): Scott Latusek, 1st place, 100-meter dash, time: 0:11.8, 1st place, 3200-meter run, time: 11:05; Latusek, Aaron Mead, Kyle Fleishmann, Justin Manier, 1st place, 800-meter relay, time: 1:44.27, 1st place, 400-meter relay, time: 0:49.04; Manier, 3rd place, 400-meter dash, time: 0:59.28, 1st place, long jump, jump: 16'11"; Fleishmann, 3rd place, 200-meter dash, time: 0:26.89; Dan Corwin, 3rd place, 3200-meter run, time: 12:17; Victor CdeBaca, 3rd place, shot put, throw: 33'0.5", 3rd place, discus, throw: 95'0.5"; Mead, 3rd place, long jump, jump: 15'6".

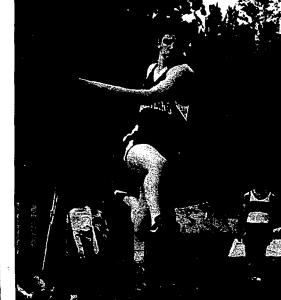
"We continue to improve, as many of our athletes had a personal best today," said Coach Scott Cousineau. "I continue to be very pleased with our progress."

On Wednesday, May 2, the track team will compete at Oscoda against Oscoda and Bay City John

Photos by Caleb Casey

Scott Latusek runs for Grayling.





Jessica Green (left) and Aaron Mead (right) compete in the long jump.

Tracy Parkinson (center) runs a hurdles event in Grayling last week.

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Softball team sweeps Bucks, Blazers

Continued from Page 1B defense helped the Vikings take the win and the series sweep.

Jamie Zelek was the big hitter in the 1st inning with a 2 RBI double.

"Everyone played tremendously," said Coach Boughner. "Heads up play kept the Blazers to two runs. Wolcott and Ketchum controlled the game with four strikeouts, no passed balls, and almost flawless pitching, and baserunners were not awarded extra bases."

Hinkle had 11 put-outs with 4 assists from Dent, one from Fox, 2 from Harney, 3 from Wolcott, and from 1 Ketchum. Lehman had two key put-outs in right during the last two innings.

The Vikings defeated the Roscommon Bucks 22-4 and 10-3 in a doubleheader at RHS on April innings. Each Viking scored at least one run in the match. Ketchum went 2 for 2 scoring 3 runs. Dent, Lori Ellis, and Ashley Wolcott each stole a couple of bases. Tab Harney hit a double.

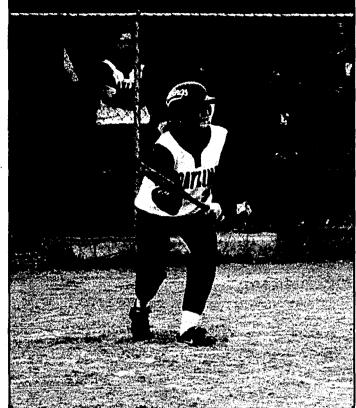
Grayling won the second game as well to take the series sweep.

The score was tied 3-3 in the top of the 6th, but GHS stood up to the pressure and scored seven insurance runs against the Bucks.

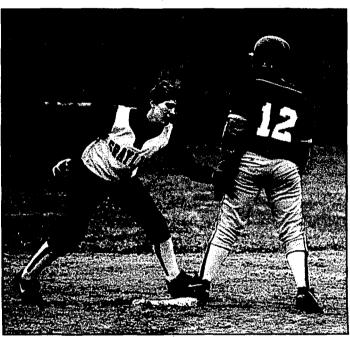
Arica Wolcott was involved in 15 of the 18 outs in the game with 11 strikeouts and 4 assists.

Ashley Wolcott hit a double with 2 RBI. Dent and Lehman scored 2 runs apiece. Hinkle had 7 put-outs in the field

On Friday, April 27, the Vikings will host Standish Sterling Central



Jennifer Lehman squares to bunt against Kalkaska.



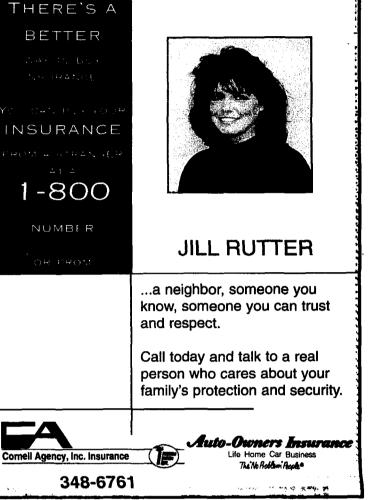
Jamie Dent puts the tag on a Kalkaska runner.





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Little League to kick off new season soon

Lori Hinkle is hit by a pitch in last Friday's game

against the Blazers of Kalkaska in Grayling.

► Maintenance Day set for May 5, opening day will be Monday, May 14

Grayling Little League will soon kick off its 2001 season, continuing a tradition of volunteer spirit and sportsmanship. The local little league tradition, which began in the 1960s, has continued unabated into the start of little league's fifth decade.

Over the course of Grayling Little League's history, three baseball fields have been built and maintained by little league volunteers for the benefit of area youth.

There are a wide variety of volunteer positions within little league. A Board of Directors including a President, Vice President, Player Agent, and Treasurer handle the administration of the league. Over 40 coaches and assistant coaches manage the learning and playing aspects for league players. Numerous individuals pitch in with volunteer labor to maintain the fields, operate concession stands,

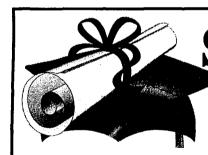
and participate in fund-raisers. Support from community organizations and businesses has been vital in maintaining the league's sound fiscal condition. Financial donations from organizations and businesses come in many ways, including team sponsorships, field

sponsorships, reduced costs for supplies/materials, and direct contribu-

For the 2001 season, late player registrations will be accepted through April 27 at Sylvester's of Grayling. Draft Night will be held on April 29 and teams can start practicing the following day. Regular season play is scheduled to begin on May 14 for most divisions.

The annual Field Maintenance Day at Millikin Field is set for Saturday, May 5, at 9 a.m. and will continue on May 6 if necessary.

Questions regarding player registration can be directed to President Rich Alexander at 348-5709 or Player Agent Dee VanNuck at 348-



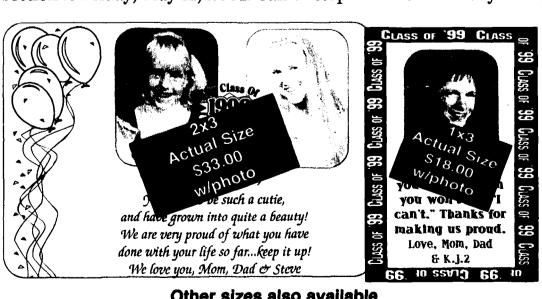
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Baseball team off to a strong start

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"We played well offensively," said Coach Duane VanDrese, "It's always a bit anxious when you don't get outside to practice as much as you'd like, so in light of that I was very happy with how we played, A good way to start.'

The Vikings split with Boyne City in the team's home opener on April 18, losing the first game 12-8 but rebounding for an 11-4 victory in game two. (This doubleheader was a make-up game for the opening day rain-out.)

Pitcher Larry Baynham took the loss for GHS in game one. Errors hurt Grayling's chances for a win.

"We learned a lot about ourselves today," said Coach VanDrese. "We have to be better defensively. You don't win games committing seven errors as we did in game one. That equates to giving teams an extra out every inning. We're not good enough to do that. The second game was a better example of how good

In game one, Mahaffy batted 3 for 4 to lead the offense. Gorski had two hits, including a two-run homer.

In the second game, pitcher Mike D'Amour went the distance for Grayling, tossing a three-hitter. He struck out eight and walked three in

Gorski went 3 for 3 in the contest and Mahaffy batted 2 for 3. Ryan Swope helped break the game open for GHS with a bases-loaded double in the bottom of the third inning.

Last Friday, the Vikings won a close game against Kalkaska 5-4. The second game was called due to

Gorski went the distance for Grayling on the mound, striking out eight, walking only two, and allowing just three hits. He improved his record to 2-0 this season.

Gorski also drove in the winning run with an RBI double in the bottom of the seventh inning. Mike Hale batted 3 for 3, Mahaffy finished at 2 for 4, and Gorski batted 2 for 4 in the match.

"It was a great win for us," said Coach VanDrese. "We needed to take advantage of a great pitching



Third baseman Wes Fox throws a Kalkaska runner out at first base

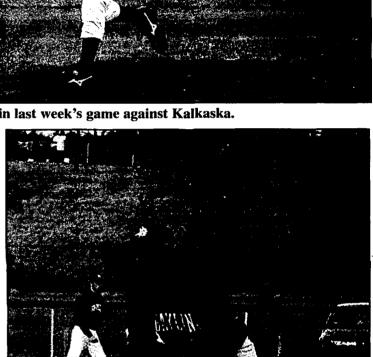


Brad Gorski delivers a pitch in last week's game against Kalkaska.

performance. We still are not where we need to be defensively, however. Our infield has got to play better. We need to make the routine plays."

The Vikings are 4-1 so far this

The team will host Standish Sterling Central on Friday, April 27, at 4 p.m. The Vikings are scheduled to play at Gaylord on Monday, April 30, at 4:15 p.m.



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Vikings of the Week

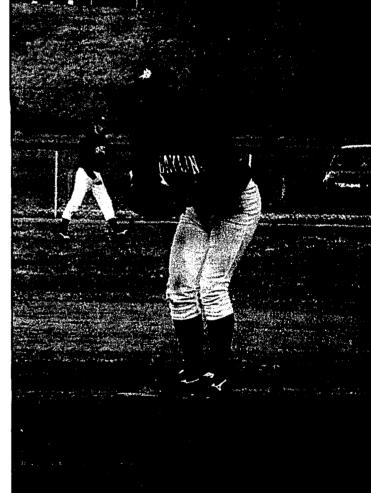




Varsity Baseball Coach: Duane VanDrese Brad Gorski & RYAN MAHAFFY

"It's difficult to imagine where

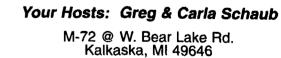
we would have been this week without the effort of these two young men," their coach said. In games vs. Roscommon. Boyne City, and Kalkaska this week, Mahaffy was 14 for 21 (.667) and Gorski was 12 of 20 (.600). "If this is typical of the way they will play this season, I'll be thrilled," their coach said.



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Larry Baynham sets to toss a pitch against Boyne City last Wednesday.

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Soccer team falls to Ogemaw, Cheboygan

► Vikings shut out in two consecutive home games

The GHS girls soccer team lost its last two games, both by scores of

The team is still struggling to have a full squad with a few subs at games, and is still getting used to game situations, Coach Karen Langseth said.

Last Monday, the Vikings fell to West Branch Ogemaw Heights in

"I think that when we have all our players next time (against Ogemaw) we'll play much better," said Coach Langseth.

Dubois

Viking of the Week

Varsity Softball

Coach: Donna Boughner

ARICA WOLCOTT

Arica in the team captain and

one of the biggest reasons the

team is 4-1. She has been a

part of 38 out of 75 outs in 5

games. She has 25 put-outs

and 13 assists with a 97.4%

fielding average.

At halftime the Vikings switched goalkeepers. In just her second career high school soccer game, Ashley Bancroft came in for a half at goalie and recorded 12 saves against West Branch.

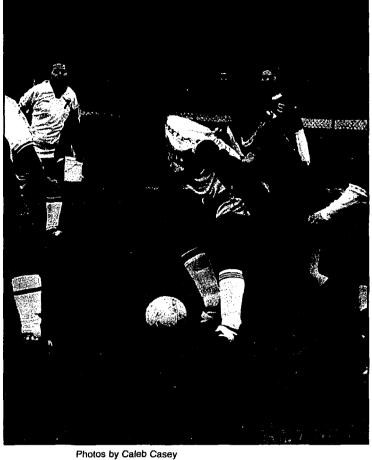
"She did a really good job," said Langseth.

On Friday, the Vikings lost to the Chiefs of Cheboygan in Grayling.

"We were still missing some key players," said Langseth. "The first half we were not focused. The second half we really pulled together and looked great. They looked like I thought they should have looked."

Bancroft posted 20 saves in the game at goalkeeper.

On Friday, April 27, the Vikings will host Pinconning at 5 p.m.

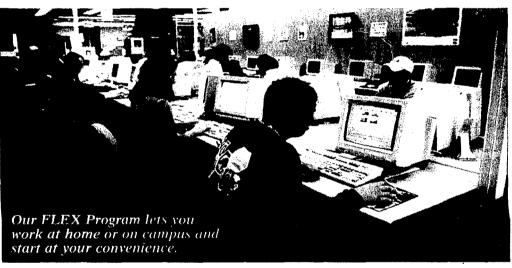


(Above) Forward Heather Merchant fights for the ball against the Falcons of West **Branch Ogemaw Heights** last Monday in Grayling. (Left) Forward Rachel Ramaswamy pushes the ball upfield in the West Branch game. The Falcons won the match by a final score of 10-0.



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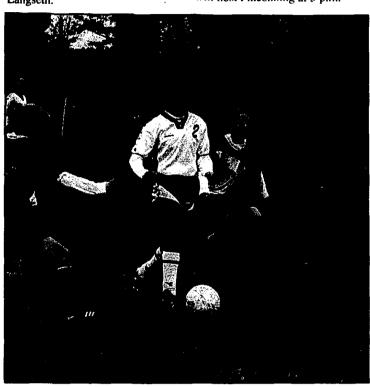
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J. Dap Co. Viking of the Week



Boys Tennis Coach: Tom Mills MARCUS MARELICH

In his last three meets, Marcus is 2-1 in doubles competitions. With his partner, he won against Charlevoix and Petoskey at #2 doubles.

Wendy's

Viking of the Week



Girls Soccer Coach: Karen Langseth ASHLEY BANCROFT

Ashley did a great iob at goalkeeper in just her second and third career high school soccer games last week.



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In celebration of National Volunteer Week: Thank You to our Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary, Amicare Hospice, and RiverHouse Shelter volunteers for your many contributions.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call:

Mercy Hospital Grayling: Teresa Money (989) 348-0433

Amicare Hospice: Sherry Haag (989) 348-4383

RiverHouse Shelter: Sister Maria Klosowski (989) 348-3169



Tennis team plays Charlevoix, Petoskey

► Grayling's #1 doubles team posts wins against Rayders, Northmen

Grayling's varsity boys tennis team fell to the visiting Rayders of Charlevoix 5-2 in the team's home

opener on April 12. Nick Newkirk at #3 singles won an exciting match in three sets with scores of 2-6, 6-2, 7-6.

Marcus Marelich and James Lawrence at #1 doubles defeated their Charlevoix counterparts in two sets, 6-3, 6-1.

Justin Fenn (#1 singles) lost 2-6, 0-6; Kalub Fedak (#2 singles) fell 1-6, 4-6; Justin DeVille and Andrew Vos (#2 doubles) lost 1-6,

Petoskey Against Wednesday, April 18, the Vikings won one event: Marelich and Dan Mead at #1 doubles defeated the

Pioneer

Aunt Betty's. 37.5 - 18.5



Nick Newkirk serves for Grayling during singles play.

Northmen 7-6, 6-1.

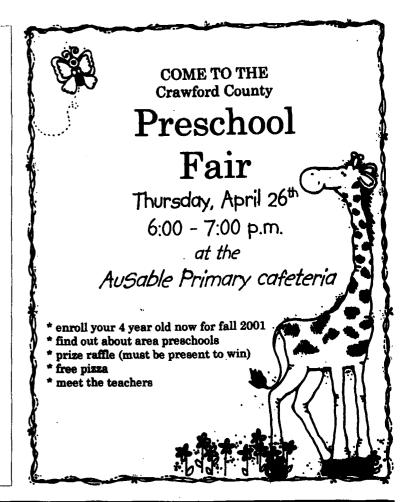
Singles players Fenn, Fedak, and Lawrence all lost to Petoskey in two sets. DeVille and Vos also

Traverse City St. Francis shut Grayling out in a meet in Grayling last Thursday.

"We're to the point where we're

we're getting used to playing outside," said Coach Torn Mills. "The team is getting stronger."

On Wednesday, May 2, the able to fill a whole team now and Vikings will play at Charlevoix.



BOWLING LEAGUE

· Millikilis
Ginger's
Custom Interior
Avalanche
Lady Slippers 21 - 35
Lucky Strikers
High Game: P. Dixon, 204; H.
Spencer, 199; J. Cousins, 192.
High Series: J. Hinds, 528; V.
Reichelderfer, 522; J. Cousins, 519.
. American Men's
Helsel Forest Prod36 - 20
Moore's Auto31 - 25
CSI Ind. Systems 31 - 25
McLeans Ace
Upper Lakes 28 - 28
Sawmill Tavern 27 - 29
Fenton's Auto 27 - 29
Forrest Bros
High Game: J. Helsel, 252; J.
Thayer, 244; D. Germain, 244.
High Series: J. Helsel, 707; D.
. Germain, 642; T. Devins, 606.
. National First

Forrest Brothers. 27 - 22 North. White Tail. 26 - 23 Hellebuyck Masonry. 26 - 23 Faustman's Ins........... 24 - 25 Swamp II. 22 - 27 Miller's Prod...... 9 - 40 High Game: T. Kotrash, 258; P. Faustman, 257; D. Canfield, 256. High Series: D. Canfield, 710; T. Kotrash, 695; T. Sowinski, 646. Sunday Night Mixed

R & M Masonry......70 - 35 Helsel Bros............ 67.5 - 37.5 Legion Lanes. 57.5 - 47.5 M.I.A.S. 50 - 55 Waste Management. 46 - 59 Billy's......36 - 69 Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 248; S. Miller, 214; B. Starks, 211. Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 630; B. Starks, 549; S. Miller, 542. Women's High Game: M. Miller, 208; S. Romain, 206; K. Moshier, 200.

Women's High Series: M. Miller,

cold on area lakes. With the chilly

water temperatures, fish will be

sluggish so don't move baits through

the water too quickly or the fish may

not be able to catch up. Try trolling

(Information provided by Skip's

RIVERS: Trout season begins on

Saturday, April 28. If the rain holds

off, the opener could be a good one.

If it rains a few days prior to

Saturday, the water could wash food

into the rivers and the fish will fill

up. If the fish are well-fed, they

(Information provided by Skip's

won't be after bait.

with stick bait or spinner bait.

April is Caregiver Support Month

More than one quarter of the U.S. adult population has provided care for a chronically ill, disabled or aged family member or friend during the past year. That translates into more than 54 million people. Sixty one percent of these family caregivers have suffered from depression, which studies have shown can inhibit the healing of those being cared for. This month, take care of yourself, as well as your loved one or patient.

Diabetes Support Group

A health care professional will guide you through discussion and coping strategies. There is no cost to attend. **Mercy Family Care – Roscommon** April 5, 1 - 2 pm Mercy Community Health Center -**Prudenville**

April 12, 1 - 2 pm

Therapeutic Touch --- Level I Learn this energy based therapeutic approach to healing. Helps to maintain wellness, reduce stress and promote relaxation, and increase post-operative healing. Learn the techniques for yourself or to help a loved one. Preregistration is required. April 7, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Cancer Support Group

Program provides an opportunity for learning, sharing, and comfort. April 16, 6:30 - 8 pm

All You Need is Love

Mercy Amicare Home Health and Hospice are honoring community caregivers by providing free information on stress management, financial and legal advice, support groups, and other resources to keep you mentally and physically healthy. Preregistration is required.

Shoppenagons - Grayling April 19, 1:30 - 2:30 pm Fifth Street Grill - Roscommon April 23, 1:30 - 2:30 pm **Coyles – Houghton Lake** April 24, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Diabetes Education Program For those with diabetes that want to take charge of their life. Family members are invited to join at no extra charge. Held in Grayling, Roscommon, and Prudenville. Call for an appointment



Other Program Offerings in April

Breastfeeding Class Preregistration is required. April 5, 7 - 9 pm

Lamaze Childbirth Preparation Classes Preregistration is required. Begins April 19, 7 - 9 pm

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LEGAL ACTION

FISHING REPORT

LAKES: Anglers are starting to

get bluegill on Lake Margrethe in

the shallows and in the canal. Try

fishing in 3-6 feet of water with min-

Crappie and bluegill have been

caught on Manistee Lake, and perch

fishing has been decent on Howe's

Lake. Try fishing KP Lake for perch

Pike and walleye season opens on

Saturday, April 28. Try fishing Lake

'Margrethe, Otsego Lake, or

Houghton Lake for walleye and

pike, and Higgins Lake for trout and

The ice has just recently melted

and water temperatures are still very

and bluegill.

pike.

NOTICE OF **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE** SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Adam B. Baxendale and Jennifer A.

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE is accepting proposals from licensed general contractors to renovate the Nurse Managed Clinic into student housing. Work includes, but is not limited to, plumbing, electrical, drywall, painting, cabinetry, carpet, and other ADA installations required by code.

An open house to view the project will be held on Thursday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m. Prospective bidders should meet at the physical plant office in the Art/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's campus.

Proposals will be received until Thursday, May 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the physical plant office located in the Arts/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's campus (proposals shall be opened and publicly read at 3:45 p.m.). Proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be obtained in the physical plant office in the Art/Maintenance Building or by calling 989-275-5000, Ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or rebid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days after the official bid opening.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Physical Plant at 989-275-5000, Ext. 263.

Baxendale, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Old Kent Bank, Mortgagee, dated January 7, 1999, and recorded on January 22. 1999 in Liber 472, on page 490, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Old Kent Mortgage Company, as assignee by an assignment dated January 12, 1999, which was recorded on January 22, 1999, in Liber 472, on Page 497, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOU-SAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE AND 13/100 dollars (\$51.433.13), including interest at 7.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 23, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 10 and South 1/2 of Lot 11, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records. Subject to all conditions, restrictions, easements and limitations of record.

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(d) and given to the mortgagee, in which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale. Dated: April 12, 2001 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303

Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File #200112550

NOTICE OF **FORECLOSURE**

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT; ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Default having been made in the condi-tions of a certain Mortgage made by Edwin O. Brannam, a single man, to Abel Manufactured Housing, Inc., dated August 1, 1997, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on August 8, 1997, in Liber 435, Page(s) 272, and said Mortgage having been assigned to CONSECO FINANCE SERVICING CORPORATION FKA GREEN TREE FINANCIAL SERVIC-ING CORPORATION, a Michigan Corporation, by Mortgage Assignment dated August 1, 1997 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, in the State of Michigan in Liber 435, Page(s) 279, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of

\$70,062.41, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in

said Mortgage has become operative; NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on May 23, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford. there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 9.22 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Conseco Finance Servicing Corporation, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan: Commencing 10 rods East of the SW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 19, for point of beginning; thence East 14 rods; thence North 40 rods; thence West 14 rods; thence South 40 rods to point of beginning, Section 19

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale.

Conseco Finance Servicing Corporation

Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C. Donald A. Brandt (P 30183) Attorneys for Mortgagee 401 Munson Avenue, P.O. Box 5817 Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817 (231) 941-9660 Dated: April 2, 2001

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 46TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF

CRAWFORD File No. 01-5459-CH THEODORE M. RONDEAU, Plaintiffs.

CYNTHIA STRONG CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C. By: Richard J. Jaskowski P47123 Attorney for Plaintiff 2373 S. I-75 Business Loop P.O. Drawer 665

Grayling, MI 49738 (517) 348-5232 Order to Answer

TO: Cynthia Strong

1. An action has been filed against you regarding certain real estate in Crawford

County, Michigan.

2. IT IS ORDERED that you shall file your answer with this Court and serve it upon the attorney for the Plaintiff, or take such other action as may be permitted by law, within 28 days of the last publication of this

order.
3. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgement by default against you

for the relief demanded in the complaint.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once each week for the three consecutive weeks in Crawford County, Michigan, the county in which the Defendant last resided.
Honorable Dennis F. Murphy (P31907)

Circuit Court Judge

SYNOPSIS **GRAYLING** TOWNSHIP BOARD **Regular Meeting April 11, 2001**

Members Present: Janice Annis, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

Members Absent: Ruth O'Mara, Torn Hall Others Present: Randy Frykberg, Don & Puff Denton, Karen Golnick, Wayne A. Nelson, Paul Smith, Brenda Wargo, Dave Frederick, Monte Burmeister, Paul Lerg, Barbara Hinderleider, Earl Ritter.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Annis, second by Ashton, to approve minutes of March 14, 2001, as presented. Ayes; three, Nays: none, Absent: two. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report for March: None. Correspondence: (No action required) Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch report for February 2001 Grayling Chamber News for April, Grayling Township Recycling Report for March 2001, Policing Report for Jan., Feb., and Mar. 2001.

Citizens Who Wish To Speak: Karen Golnick, township resident, went on record in opposition to Grayling Township funding (even budgeting) a contribution to the Animal Shelter until current litigation is resolved by the courts.

Supervisor noted that he has received approximately two dozen calls voicing the same opinion since the March meeting at which the Animal Shelter of Crawford County Board (ASCC) requested the Township to consider contributing \$20,000... in the coming fiscal year, towards operation of the animal shelter.

Mr. Lux: 4088 Lucy Lane, requested the Township proceed cleaning up the property adjacent to his property.

Supervisor noted that although there is a judgement against the property in question allowing the Township to clean up and place a lien on the parcel, the estimated cost of clean-up is upwards of \$20,000, considerably more than its value. Supervisor will contact other agencies that may be of assistance and contact Mr. Lux.

BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion by Annis, second by Ashton, to authorize Supervisor to sign contract for Professional Planning and Zoning Services with Wade-Trim, Inc., for assistance in preparing a Township Zoning Ordinance Update. Services to be budgeted for FY2001-02. (Attachment "A"). Ayes: three, Nays: none, Absent: two. Motion carried.
- Crawford County Transportation Authority Director, Dave Frederick, up-dated the Board on the first half year of the Rural Health Initiative program, which provides transportation for health services to residents of Crawford County.
- 3. Motion by Ashton, Second by Annis, to authorize Joe Ferrigan, Building Inspector, to present proposal (per their request) to Frederic Township to provide building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical inspections to the residents of Frederic Township. Ayes: three, Nays: none, Absent: two. Motion car-

4. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to accept three year salary review recommendations, provided by Supervisor Wright, for Joe Ferrigan, Patricia Kangas, and Nancy Brooks, Aves: three, Navs: none, Absent: two. Motion carried.

5. Motion by Annis, second by Ashton to approve the following seminars for township

employees and designees: 2001 Norther Michigan Trail Summit 5/31

& 6/1, Wayne Koppa, \$75. MI Recycling Coalition Conference 5/23,

Terry Wright, \$160. BS&A Assessing Level I 5/21, Pat

BS&A Assessing, Com./Ind. 6/6, Curt Marshall, \$195.

MTA Spring Workshop, 5/17, Wright,

Ashton, O'Mara, Annis, Hall, \$65 each. N. Michigan Postal Customer Council,

4/25, Val Lehti, \$30. Ayes: three, Nays: none, Absent: two. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to recess regular meeting and convene executive session to discuss pending litigation with Township attorney, Monte Burmeister. Ayes:

trout stream.

April 27, 2001.

15, 2001 at 2:00 PM.

Patrick Merrill, Chairman

three, Nays: none, Absent: two. Motion carried. (8:20 p.m.)

7. Motion by Ashton, second by Annis, to reconvene regular session. (8:30 p.m.) Ayes: three, Nays: none, Absent: two. Motion car-

8. Supervisors Report: Township Fish Hatchery Park opened 4/10/01, Four Mile Rd./ Industrial Park public meeting 4/25/01, M-72 Corridor/ sidewalk meeting 3/21/01 and Crawford County Sheriff's Dept. 1,45 mil proposed tax levy 8/01 election.

Salary Advisory Committee recommendations for 2001-02&03 elected officials salaries were presented by Committee members, Paul Lerg, Barbara Hinderleider and Earl Ritter. Recommendations placed on file for review before entire Twp. Board.

10. Motion by Annis, second by Ashton, to approve claims on vouchers 22519, 22521, 22526-22528, 22542-22573, Liquor Insp. \$75, Guardian Dental \$594.89, Bd. & Comm. fees 4350, Bd. of Review \$432, for a grand total of \$69,267.36. Ayes: three, Nays: none, Absent: two. Motion carried.

11. Motion to adjourn by Ashton, carried. Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C. **Grayling Township Clerk**

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Carpenters Pension Trust Fund - Detroit and Vicinity. Plaintiff.

Forest Dunes, L.L.C.,et al. Defendants.

Case No. 00-5132-CZ Notice Of Foreclosure Sale

In Pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, made and entered on the 12th day of January, 2001 (Case No. 00-5132-CZ), notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder, at the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, on the Courthouse steps on Wednesday, June 20, 2001 at 10 a.m., the following described premises, viz; all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, commonly known as 6349 Forest Dunes Drive. Roscommon, Michigan 48653, more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 1 Sections 2 and 3, T25N-R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan: EXCEPT the plats of South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1 and South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2 and Chandra Village.

Parcel 2 South Branch Ranch Unit No. 1, being a part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, and part of the East 1/2 of Section 3, T29N-R2W, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 21, EXCEPT the following lots: 9 through 41 inclusive; 51 through 77 inclusive sive; 79 through 92 inclusive; 99 through 111 inclusive; and 114 through 118 inclusive.

South Branch Ranch Unit No. 2, being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4. Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, T25N-R2W, recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 40, EXCEPT the following lots: 150 through 154, and 238 through 245.

Parcel 4 Chandra Village, being parts of the

Southeast, 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, and the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 3, T25N-R2W, recorded in Liber 4 of

EXCEPTING THE PHASE I PARCEL

The sale of the Mortgaged Property shall be as a single parcel free and clear of all ease-ments, liens, encumbrances and claims arising since April 28, 1998, the date that the Mortgage was recorded with the Crawford County Register of Deeds. The sale is subject to liens and other restrictions recorded before April 28, 1998, none of which are foreclosed by the Judgement of Foreclosure.

Forest Dunes, LLC, and all persons claiming or to claim from or under Forest Dunes, LLC, shall be forever barred and foreclosed

CRAWFORD COUNTY

GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY

PROJECT

NOTICE

BID FOR DETAIL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

OF A REPLACEMENT NATURAL STREAM

The work is a portion of Phase I of the Grayling Fish Hatchery Project.

It consists of both the design and construction of approximately 400 lin-

eal feet of stream channel averaging 10 feet in width. Work will include

all natural materials (boulders, gravel, logs, water plants, trees, shrubs

Bidders must be pre-qualified for this specialty work and show exten-

Potential bidders' expression of interest must be received on or before

A concept drawing and specification for the work will be made available

Patrick Merrill

Crawford County Courthouse

200 W. Michigan Avenue

Grayling, MI 49738

to pre-qualified bidders on April 30, 2001 and bids will be due on May

sive successful past experience in small stream restoration.

Inquiries, qualification submittals and bids should be sent to:

and riparian vegetation) to create trout habitat and a demonstration wild

of and from all equity of redemption, and claim of, in, and to the Mortgaged Property, if not redeemed within six months from the date of the sale.

Bank One f/k/a NBD Bank

Dated: April 9, 2001 Brandt, Fisher, Alward & Roy, P.C. By: Thomas R. Alward (P-31724) Attorney for Mortgagee 401 Munson Avenue, P.O. Box 5817

Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817 (231) 941-9660 -26-3-10-17-24-31-7

STATUTORY NOTICE (BY PER-SON CLAIMING TITLE UNDER TAX DEED)

To the owner of any and all interests in or

liens upon the property described: Take Notice: Sale was lawfully made of the following described property for unpaid taxes on that property, and that the undersigned has title to the property under tax deed or deeds issued for the property. You are entitled to a reconveyance of this property within 6 months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the treasurer of the county in which the property is located, of all sums paid for the tax sale purchase, together with 50% in addition, and the fees of the sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice. The service or publication costs shall be the same as for personal service of a summons on commencing a civil action, without other additional cost or charge. If payment as described in this notice is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the property.

Description of property State of Michigan, County of Crawford:

Lot 96 010-14-151-00-0%-00, Lovells Township, Creekview #2. Town 28, Range 1W. \$127.92, taxes for years 1995, 1997, 1998 and 1999.

This parcel is not an improved residential parcel. Warbler's Hideaway Association

2704 Lovells Rd. Grayling, MI 49738

To: Thomas Allen, 66 Beard Road, Roundup, MT 59072-6630, last grantee in the regular chain of title of such property or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said County.

I do hereby certify and return, that the within Notice was delivered to me for service on the 12th day of March 2001, and that after careful inquiry, which has been continued from that time until this date, I am unable to ascertain the whereabouts or post office address of 66 Beard Road, Roundup, MT 59072-6630.

Dated March 26, 2001 Christina M. Bassett Confidential Secretary to Sheriff of said O 1.24 (2)-

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE**

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by: Mark A. Stephenson and Kathryn A. ited States of America. ing through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee, dated November 4. 1987, and recorded on November 4, 1987, in Liber 269, on page 365, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND

FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN AND 28/100 DOLLARS (\$83,513,28), including interest at 9.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 30, 2001.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan described as follows: Lot 46, Red Wing Terrace, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such

Dated: April 3, 2001

SALE

United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration. United States Department of Agriculture Mortgagee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C. 30300 Northwestern Highway, Suite 222 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

-12-19-26-3-10 **NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE**

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Schroeder and Collegn L. Schroeder, Husband and Wife (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank f/k/a Gravling State Bank, A Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 22, 1994, and recorded on March 29, 1994 in Liber 375, on Page 137, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE AND 71/100 dollars (\$51,431.71), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 30, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the

Southwest 1/4 of section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan Described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of North West 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 west, thence South 89 Degrees 59 minutes East 517 feet, thence North 1 degree 33 minutes East, 656 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 1 degree 33 minutes East, 281.3 feet to the South - Easterly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 28 minutes West along River, 184.85 feet: thence South 24 degrees 03 minutes West along River, 220.3 feet; thence South 8 degrees 50 minutes East along River, 87.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes East, 133.2 feet; thence North 1 degree 33 minutes East, 149.0 feet; thence south 89 grees 55 minutes East, 100.0 feet to the point of beginning. (Note: the above description of land is the combination of parcels "A" and "B" of survey Recorded in Liber 134, page 79 and of parcel "A" of survey Recorded in Liber 153 Page 458, Craw. CO. Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined

abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such

Dated: April 19, 2001 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200115418

-19-26-3-10-17

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Lynn Welch an unmarried man (original mortgagors) to Sterling Lending Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 1999, and recorded on February 9, 2000 in Liber 501, on Page 144, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Residential Mortgage Services of Texas. Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated February 29, 2000, which

was recorded on May 2, 2000, in Liber 507, on Page 23, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 96/100 dollars (\$29,749.96), including interest at 11.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County,

Michigan, and are described as:
Lots 4,5 and 6, Block 2, of Brown and
Johnson Addition to the Village of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 21, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: March 29, 2001

FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025

File # 200017365

-29-5-12-19-26

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS CONSTRUCTION TRADES

Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 p.m., May 10th, 2001, for the following project:

ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS HOUGHTON LAKE OFFICE NORTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH 2715 S. TOWNLINE ROAD HOUGHTON LAKE, MICHIGAN

Bid and Performance Bond is required. Bid documents may be obtained from the Office of the Architect.

> Riebschleger and O'Brien Architects, P.C. 7190 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Suite #100 Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629 Phone (989) 422-3362, Fax (989) 422-3492

for a refundable deposit of \$25.00 per set. There is a non-refundable charge of \$5.00 per set for mailed bid documents.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any bids.

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE is accepting proposals from licensed plumbing contractors to install plumbing in the Cosmetology lab located in Room 106 of the VoTech building.

An open house to view the project will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. Prospective bidders should meet at the physical plant office in the Art/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's campus.

Proposals will be received until Thursday, May 10 at 3:30 p.m. in the physical plant office located in the Arts/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's campus at which time they shall be opened and publicly read. Proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be obtained in the physical plant office in the Art/Maintenance Building or by calling 989-275-5000, Ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days after the official bid openina.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Physical Plant at 989-275-5000, Ext. 263.

CRAWFORD COUNTY GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY PROJECT

NOTICE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN **COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PORTIONS OF** PHASE I OF THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY **PROJECT**

Phase I of the Project will be constructed over a two year period using many separate contracts for the diverse types of work to be accom-

The work includes:

Earthwork and grading **Demolition** New concrete work Concrete surface restoration Blacktop paving Supplying trees and shrubs Planting trees and shrubs Sand removal dredging in the river Special signage **Fencing** A new restroom facility building Waste treatment system

Contractors are requested to submit a letter indicating which portions of the work they are qualified to perform.

Submittals should be sent, in duplicate, by May 15, 2001 to:

Patrick Merrill Crawford County Courthouse 200 W. Michigan Avenue Grayling, MI 49738

Patrick Merrill, Chairman

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST FROM INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE **CRAWFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is soliciting letters of interest from individuals willing to serve on its Board of Directors.

Terms of office for members of the Board of Directors are six (6) years. There is currently one seat on the Board of Directors the term of office for which will expire on June 30, 2001. Term limitations do not exist for members of the CCTA Board of Directors, and the individual currently holding that office, Mr. Dennis Long, is eligible for reappointment.

The Board of Directors meets monthly. A primary responsibility of the Board of Directors is to establish the policies governing the business, operations, property and affairs of the CCTA. The Board of Directors additionally receives and reviews management reports for the purposes of monitoring policy compliance and program effectiveness.

All Board Members shall be over the age of eighteen (18) years, with no prior felony convictions.

In order for proposals to be considered they must be either post marked no later than Friday, May 11, 2001 or submitted directly to the CCTA administrative offices in a clearly labeled sealed envelope by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 14, 2001.

Questions or comments regarding this request for proposals are to be directed to Mr. David Frederick, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority whose office is located at the following address, or who may be reached at the following telephone number.

Crawford County Transportation Authority

4276 West North Down River Road Grayling, Michigan 49738 (517) 348-8215

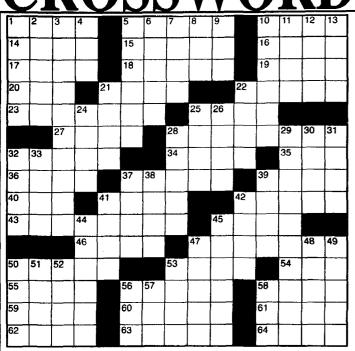
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

April 27, 1978

Geoffrey Stancil has been chosen to represent the Crawford-AuSable School District at Operation Bentley being held at Olivet College May 16 - 28. Operation Bentley is a two week government simulation of county and state government processes under the supervision of the Center for Teaching of State and Local Government.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead this Saturday night before you go to bed. The beginning of daylight savings time starts on April 30 at 2 a.m.

Now showing at the Rialto Movie Theatre. "Looking For Mr. Goodbar," starring Diane Keaton.

A daughter, Toni Lynn, was born April 18 to Mr. and Mrs. John St. Clair of Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Pamerleau celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by re-newing their vows before Rev. Thomas Neis at 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church, on April 22, followed by a luncheon at the Chief Shoppenagons Hotel.

Grayling Mercantile Co. has Prom dresses on sale for \$14.95 - \$59.95, and tuxedos from After Six for \$17 to \$40.

Curly's Drive-In is re-opening for the season on May 5th.

Airmen first class Neil Doty and wife were in Grayling this past weekend visiting his family and some of their friends in Frederic. They returned to Marquette on Monday.

46 Years Ago April 28, 1955

Karen Rasmussen and Mary Jane Wakeley have been selected to attend Girls State to be held on the campus of the University of Michigan June 14 to 22; Karen was selected by the Grayling Unit No. 106 of the American Legion Auxiliary, and Mary Jane was selected by the Woman's Club.

Mrs. Fred Bear left Monday for New York City where she will meet Mr. Bear who is flying back from his African trip.

Clarence "Curly" LaMotte arrived in Grayling Friday from Colorado, having received his discharge from the army Monday a week ago. The LaMottes will be staying at the Roy Newberry home in Frederic for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Klinefelt announce the arrival of a daughter, Catherine, on April 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feldhauser announce the arrival of a baby boy, Glen David, on April 22.

An estimated 210,000 trout fishermen are expected to crowd Michigan streams and lakes on April 30, opening day of the 1955 general trout season.

Over \$100 in damage occurred at the new Gravling High School Gymnasium structure over the weekend and when three large frosted panes of glass were broken, it was revealed by the building contractor. The breakage occurred on the Ottawa Street side of the building and was believed to have been caused by the shooting of an air rifle.

HICKORY NUTS - On Monday, April 10, 1978, Erik Seidel brought Hickory Nuts from Fort Wayne, Indiana, for Mr. Hayes' fourth grade class to taste. The nuts were a big success with everybody. Most of the kids didn't know that they tasted so good because hickories do not grow in northern Michigan.

69 Years Ago April 28, 1932

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gierke and Mrs. Frank Ahman motored to Mt. Pleasant Friday to accompany Earl Gierke home from Central State Teachers College; he came to take in the Junior Prom.

Flags, flags, everywhere, and for what? Last Friday was Louise's birthday. "Spike" said that so momentous an occasion deserved flag display, so the Connine Grocery and Hanson Hardware stores soon were displaying Old Glory. Other merchants saw the flags and quickly followed suit, not knowing what it was all about. Some believed it must be Arbor Day "or something"; anyway form an explosion in the mill fire-pit, Grayling streets were decorated like a carnival, and Mrs. Connine will always remember her --th birthday in

92 Years Ago April 29, 1909

The thermometer was registered at 18 degrees yesterday morning. Not favorable for corn or beans.

The Michigan Central Fruit and Clover Land Co., with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota have platted a new town, called Pere Cheney Heights, which is practically an addition to the north of Pere Cheney of old times. This place is laid out with the main avenues 75 feet wide and is partly on each side

Eldore LaBrush, who was taken to Ann Arbor for the injury to his eyes, came home last week. The sight of both eyes is saved, much to the surprise of many, but to the great joy of the boy and his family and friends.

_ (cocktail) The ____ Kid (1979 Ford film) **58.** Step 11. Budget item Being (Spanish) 13. Gateway 21. Motion supporters

Pan-Grilled Salmon Steaks with Warm Fruit

Juice

RECIPE OF THE WEEK 1 can sliced peaches, drained and

- coarsely chopped 1 can pineapple chunks, undrained
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp grated fresh ginger 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 4 salmon steaks(about 6 oz. each) 1/4 cup sliced almonds toasted (optional)

In medium saucepan, combine peaches, pineapple with juice, sugar, cornstarch and ginger; bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cook and stir 1 minute or until mixture thickens. Stir in lemon juice;

set aside. Meanwhile, grill salmon over medium-hot coals (or broil on rack of

broiler pan 3 to 4 inches from heat) 7 to 11 minutes or until fish is cooked to desired doneness, turning once. Serve salmon with sauce and sprinkle with almonds, if desired.

Servings: 4

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

HOROSCOPES

For the week or April 30 thru May 6

This week will be cheerful and optimistic, something to celebrate if things have been difficult for you lately. While you are not usually prone to holding grudges, getting yourself out of a slump can be challenging. The only attitude you can control is your own. Let the wonderfully uplifting energy of the week help you to put things in the past and to move forward to new endeavors. A little laughter will see you back to your usual active self in no time.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):

This week mental abilities will be strong, and put you in the position where it'll be next to impossible to pull the wool over your eyes. You can become arrogant and discontented much more easily. Further, you are not apt to take advice from any one on anything. If you come across as all-knowing and selfserving this week, you are sure to experience discord and conflict. Strive to stay humble and caring.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

This week will definitely enhance your abilities to think, reason, concentrate, and analyze. If you are focused on a specific task that engages your thoughts, things will go well. if you don't direct your mental energy, you might feel gloomy or depressed. Expect to dream much more vividly, as well. You can find yourself thinking of all kinds of potential scenarios to worry about much more readily than others. You will need to control this part of your personality more so this week. Keep yourself busy with such things as writing and budgeting.

CANCER (June 22-July 22):

You will have the opportunity to develop your assertive skills this week. Monday will see you in a cheery, social mood. And this can give you the added edge when it comes to improving this area of your life. As a Cancer, you are deeply set You cannot help but feel things deeply, and often you take things too personally. This can be crippling for you. If you find yourself in this situation, your ability to be assertive and to stand up for what you believe will be affected. A positive mood this week can help you with this.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Handling those in authority roles may prove challenging this week. You can expect your mind to be sharp and geared toward the practical and logical, in fact, when it comes to handling things like budgeting, proposals, projections, and accounting tasks, you will find it all a breeze. However, you can see yourself more rebellious and arrogant. Even if you are totally convinced that your way is the right or best way, you would be wise to consider alternative measures when they are suggested to you in the interest of building relationships.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

You can expect to see your communication skills soar and your mental abilities become exceptionally strong. This can help you in both your personal and professional life. When it comes to work, you will find it very easy to tend to task with diligence You are undoubtedly known for your critical take on things. With the added energy this week, you can develop more personable communication skills. Use your ability to really think before you offer your perspective on things. Consider asking if it's OK to offer some criticism before you do so. Remember the old saying that you attract more flies with honey than with

You are sure to feel very energetic and positive this week. You can expect to feel on top of the world. This is an excellent time to foster closeness with others, especially children. You wil exude a magnetism that will be hard for people to resist. It will ssary for you to resist the urge to chatter or laugh it up at work, and if you have things that must get done, you would be wise to consider working behind closed doors

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

It may be a challenging week for you if you're unwilling to heed some good advice. Often you are multi-talented and able to achieve successes that are the envy of your coworkers. You will see even more strength of conviction in your working endeavors. Be careful as you can come across as arrogan in mind that you never have to take any advice that is given That's a choice for you to make whenever you want to. But is courteous to at least listen to what is being said. Chances are the person giving the advice has your best interests at heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Don't be surprised if you are faced with some of your insecur ties and personality challenges this week. You are not apt to take criticism, however constructive, well at all. In fact, you will probably take it as a personal affront rather than seeing it as a tool to improve. You will need to exercise restraint, as you may just blast anyone who contradicts or challenges you. Strive to keep things in perspective and to address these emotional needs apart from your interactions with others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

It is an excellent time to just go about your business with confidence. You will find you feel cheerful, optimistic, and up to most any challenge Monday. You won't have any trouble whatsoever when it comes to finishing the things you start. Given your love of a stable and consistent environment, this week is sure to see you smiling a great deal. A healthy balance of hard work and pleasurable encounters will make this

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

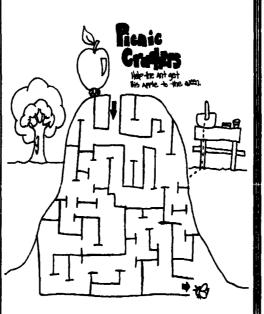
You are probably known as the person who can be most rebel lious in your professional and personal circles. You can be relentless when it comes to seeing things improve, and this tenacity is often a great things. However, this week, you might have to put a leash on these attributes. You're determination and passion for causes you have taken as your own will be enhanced. Constructive and planned strategies will win more people over to your way of thinking than beating them over the

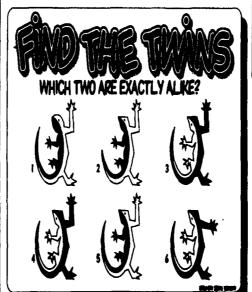
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

Staying focused on our work will be wonderfully easy for you this week. In fact, you are more likely to be the voice of rea-son. You are known for your sensitivity, and all too often your emotions can interfere with your better judgement. But not this week, your mind will be logical, practical and analytical. Waste no time in getting down to business this week. Don't hesitate to speak your mind, as well. You will find that the right words come to your easily and readily. The decisions and choices you make are apt to be good ones for you.

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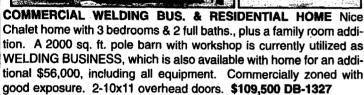
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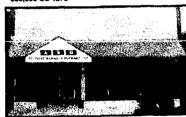




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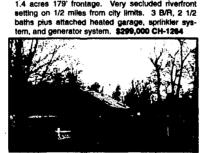


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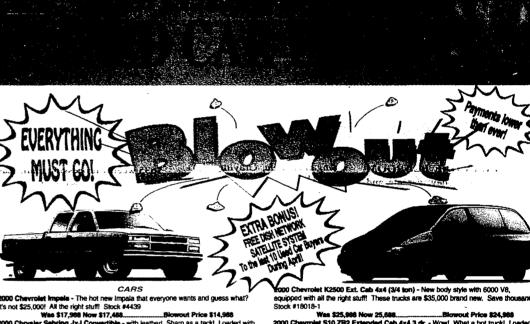


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- Almost \$23 billion was spent at retail during 1999 for new and used boats, motors and engines, accessories and other associated costs, says the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) in its annual estimate report. That's a giant leap of almost \$3 billion over '98 figures.
- Nearly 78 million people participated in recreational boating last year as more discover boat-

- Through registrations the NMMA estimate 16,833,900 million recreational boats are in use across the country.
- · Outboard boats are by far and away the most popular craft. Estimates from the NMMA, and companies like Ranger Boats and Mercury Marine reveal 8.2 million outboard boats on the water with over 13.8 million outboards powering them.
- · Fishing and outboard boats are big. Officials at Mercury Marine point out that over 80% of all outboards are sold with the activity of fishing in mind for the owner.
- · The experts at Zebco and Stren say that when all ages are included over 50 million Americans go fishing each year; over a third of them are women. That means nearly one out of every five people in this country fish; twice the amount that golf.
- According to Zebco and American Sportfishing Assoc. figures, recreational fishing supports 1.2 million jobs in the
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efforts, catch and release fishing continues to catch on. The fishing experts at companies like Stren, Zebco, Mercury Marine, Ranger Boats and associations like the FishAmerica Foundation all report a steady increase in the number of catch, photograph and release fishing with which they are involved.

- · Being a mobile society, trailering boats to favorite waterway destinations is popular with nearly 7,313,700 boat trailers in use, also according to NMMA estimates.
- To get closer to remote and scenic lakeshore and waterway camping vacation getaways more boats are being trailered behind RVs too, reports Cruise America, the nations largest RV
- · Sailing is increasing in popularity, especially with the Discover Sailing program which is introducing the sport at hundreds of sites across the nation. Sailboats grew over 8,000 units from the previous year to hit 27,800 boats sold in '99, according to the annual Sailing

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- Seventy-eight Americans - about one in every three people in the nation - consider themselves to be boaters.
- Boating is the 11th most popular pastime in the United States. Exercise walking ranks 1st followed by swimming, exercising with equipment, camping, bicycle riding, bowling, fishing, playing billiards/pool, basketball and hiking.
- · Families with children continue to be the largest customer segment for marinas according to Boating Industry magazine's Marina Survey. Retired couples and singles represent the second largest group.
- The states with the largest numbers of boaters (in order) are: California, Texas, New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts, Indiana, Washington, Missouri, Tennessee. Wisconsin, Maryland, and Minnesota.
- In the last 10 years, as the number of registered boats increased by about 20 percent, fatalities dropped by about 20 percent.
- In the last 10 years, over 11,000 personal watercraft (estimated retail value of \$55 million) have been loaned to law enforcement, rescue and boating educa-

tion agencies for rescue and educational purposes and to assist in the enforcement of boating laws.

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) data indicates that all recreational marine engines, including diesels and two- and tour-stroke engines combined, contribute just three percent of all hydrocarbon (HC) emissions in the United States. With the new engine technologies, HC emissions will be reduced to less than one percent (0.75). Automobiles, on the other hand, contribute 33 percent of total emissions.
- The boating industry is achieving the same level of engine emission reductions in 10 years that took the auto industry over 25 years to achieve.
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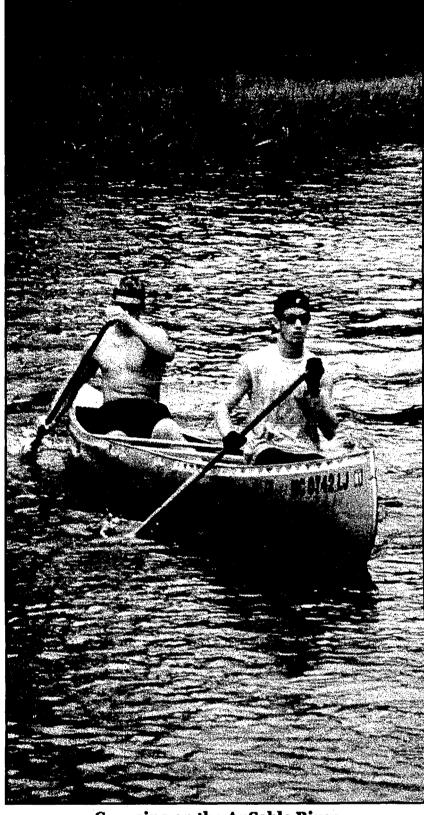
Area canoe liveries offer river day-trips ranging in length from about two to six hours and overnight canoe/camp trips from two to six days, or more. Many families pack a picnic lunch for their day on the river. For those considering an overnight trip, there are state forest campgrounds at various points along the rivers.

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Guests are encouraged to dress appropriately: warm, layered clothing in cool weather (don't forget extra dry clothes in a secure dry bag); remember sunscreen and lightweight, longsleeved shirts to provide sun protection on hot summer days. Taking along rainwear is always wise choice; northern Michigan weather can change quite quickly.

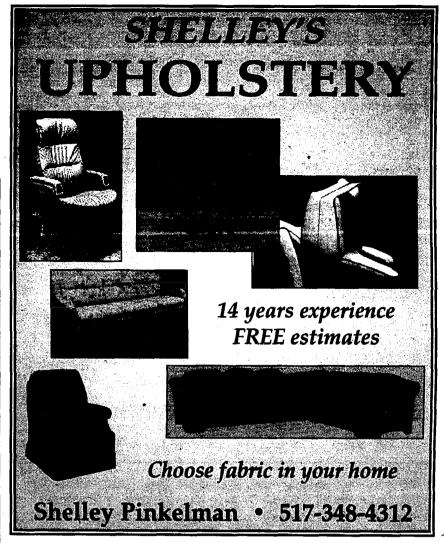
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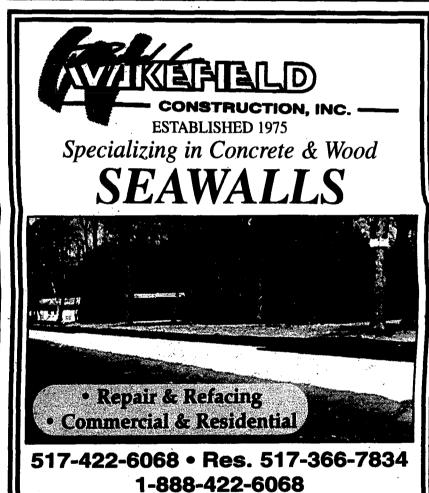


Canoeing on the AuSable River

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American Outdoors News Features

Keeping your electric trolling motor in top working condition is an important process for all boat owners. MotorGuide's tournament support technician, Joe Smith, offers this advice to keep your electric motor running silent and efficient.

- · Check the battery connections at both the positive and negative terminals for corrosion.
- Check the motor's power cord connections at both the plug and the boat's receptacle for loose connections.
- Oil the pivot points on the motor's bracket and foot-pedal. Put just a shot of oil on foot control bearings.
- For best performance, use 8 gauge wire leads from the battery to the trolling motor.
- Remove the motor's top cover and check the condition of the terminal and butt electrical connections. Also, check the

foot pedal connections.

• Check the prop blades for excessive nicks or dings. If damaged, replace to avoid vibration. Remove the prop and check the condition of the prop pin to make sure it isn't bent, and check for line wrapped on armature shaft. MotorGuide's prop wrench comes with 2 spare pins stored conveniently inside.

· Always carry a spare prop, consider a different style for weedless vs. power performance.

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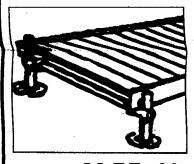
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Top Tips for Season of **Boating Safety & Fun**

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To keep the fun in boating by keeping boating safe, the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and leading companies like Ranger Boats, MotorGuide and Mercury Marine recommend these on board rules be practiced yearround just like "buckling up" on the road:

• Put lifejackets on everyone: Personal flotation device (PFD) use is a proven lifesaver. The

U.S. Coast Guard reports that simply wearing a PFD can prevent eight in ten boating tragedies. Children should always wear a correctly-fitted PFD: it's the law in more than half of the states.

• Designate a driver who will remain sober: Alcohol impairment figures in an estimated one-half or more of reported boating accidents. The designated driver should be familiar with the operation of the boat and rules of the waterways.

 Know safe carrying capacity: Capsizings are the result of overloaded and/or improperly loaded boats. Boat operators and guests aboard should double-check the safe carrying capacity plate, which is usually located near the helm station. The capacity plate provides information on how many passengers and gear can be safely accommodated.

 Take a boating basics or refresher course: "Learning the ropes" enhances enjoyment of the boating lifestyle, offers specifics about local boating access, customs and rules, and offers introductions to other boaters. Local marine dealers have information on classes; or surf the web where several online courses are offered for free (try www.safeboatingcouncil.org or type "boat safety" in a brows-

A LIFEJACKET

'IT WON'T WORK IF YOU DON'T USE IT'

American Outdoors News Features

Before boating, make sure all family members have personal flotation devices that fit. Anytime anyone goes boating, there is a chance to fall overboard.

Considering that more than 90 percent of deaths in boating result from drowning and - significantly - 80 percent of those drowning victims were not wearing a personal flotation device (PFD), the Personal Flotation **Device** Manufacturers Association (PFDMA), an affiliate of the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), is stressing the facts about lifejackets and emphasizing. "It won't work if you don't use it."

With the start of the boating season just around the corner,

now is an excellent time for boaters to make sure every family member has a properly fitting PFD to wear aboard.

Children, especially, should always wear a personal flotation device whenever on water. Although efforts to establish a federal lifejacket requirement for kids have been sidetracked in Congress, PFD usage by children is the law in 26 states (16 states require it for kids aged 5-11; 10 states mandate it for those 12 and under).

Lifejackets are sized according to weight ranges and chest sizes.

A snug fit is essential for all ages and a strap between the legs is a good feature for younger children, to prevent the vest from coming off in an emergency situation.

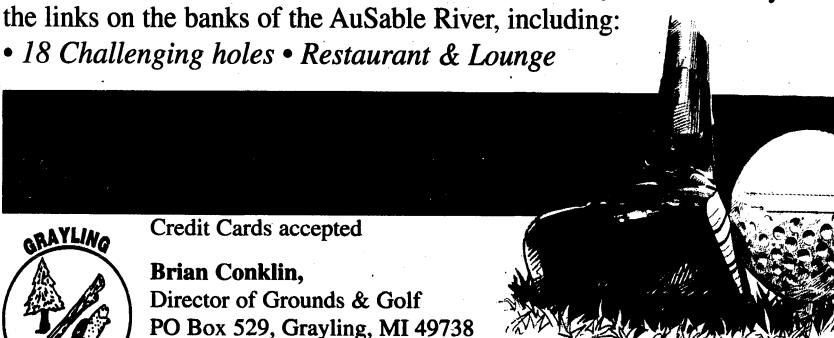
Lifejackets come in a variety of colorful designs to appeal to kids and teenagers.

Knowing lifejacket facts is just one part of the overall boating safety picture. The PFDMA offers these additional tips for boaters:

- Take a boating safety course (to find one, consult the yellow pages for a Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadron listing);
- Know your own capabilities as a boater and a swimmer:
- Know how to handle the craft you'll be operating:
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To learn some handy tips and fun aspects of camping, check out this informative website: American Camper at:

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Boat Trailering:

A CHECKLIST AND PRIMER

American Outdoors News Features

To catch fish or play on the lake, you first have to get your boat to the water. That's the sole purpose of the "other" marine purchase...the boat trail-

Often, after the boat dealvis done, a look at the bank account tempts the new boat owner to skimp on the quality of the allimportant boat trailer. Why "allimportant?"

Because your boat will spend more time on the trailer than on the water, and an ill-fitting boat trailer can do more damage to your hull than most of the stumps you'll ever bump on the lake.

The folks at Ranger Boat company recommend buying a trailer that's designed and built to support the shape of the boat hull you've purchased. Their Ranger Trail boat trailers are designed to cradle the specific boat you've ordered. This preserves your boating investment by providing crucial support areas necessary to keep the hull from losing its performance shape while the boat is stored on the trailer.

Make sure your trailer is large and strong enough to support the weight of your boat, PLUS the engine weight and the weight of all the gear you'll leave stored onboard. The hitch should be of the proper size and strength with safety chains to match.

Ranger also recommends boat trailers with brakes. Brakes may be a legal requirement in your state, so check your area regulations for specific require-

A towed boat and equipment adds significantly to the stopping distance required for your tow vehicle.

While trailer brakes should not

be relied on to help stop the vehicle, good trailer brakes will assist by decreasing the amount of shoving and pushing pressure that the trailered-rig exerts against the vehicle when brak-

Tire and wheel size will determine the heat and wear that your wheel bearings will receive. Small wheels make hundreds of more revolutions over a mile than large sizes, increasing the likelihood for lubricant breakdown and bearing burnout.

The general rule is that the larger the wheel, the less likely you are to have trouble on the road. Most Ranger Trail trailers are fitted with special "COOL" hubs that continuously bathe the bearings in oil, decreasing heat and lessening required mainte-

A Checklist for a Boat Trailer Walk-Around Inspection

- At home, inspect your vehicle hitch for tight bolts and security.
- · Secure the trailer hitch to your correctly-sized hitch ball.
- · Hook up safety chains, hitch latch pins, light plugs and brake activation cables.
- · Work your vehicle brake lights and turn indicators, making sure that your trailer lights also follow those sequences.
- Be sure to carry spare trailer light bulbs, extra fuses and a tire gauge.
- Check for proper tire pressure. Check again after trailering long distances. Correct tire pressures mean good tire wear as well as safety.
- Be sure all wheel lug nuts are properly tightened and that your lug wrench fits the trailer wheel lugs.
- Shake each tire/wheel to insure that the bearings are still good. A loose, noisy, wobbly wheel indicates failed or failing

wheel bearings.

- A spare wheel and tire with proper pressure should be carried.
- Be sure your vehicle jack will work under your low-slung boat trailer. If not, purchase a shorter hydraulic jack for use with your
- Have a tool kit with proper tools in your vehicle at all times.

Your regular driving patterns must change when trailering a

On-road speeds should be slower than usual and considerably more room for stopping must be allowed.

Never tail-gate the vehicle ahead, particularly with the additional weight of your rig behind

Always maintain more distance than normal when following another vehicle to allow for increased braking time.

When passing other vehicles. swing wider than normal and make sure there is ample clearance when pulling back into your driving lane to allow for the trailer length behind you and to ensure that you will not cut short the vehicle you have passed.

Good, safe trailering means selecting the best trailer to support your boat and always maintaining your equipment in top operating condition.

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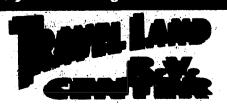
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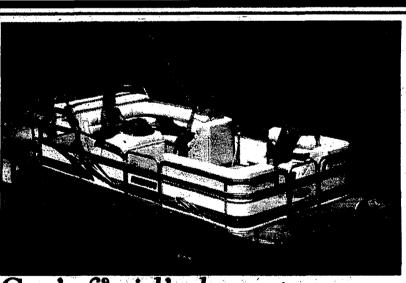
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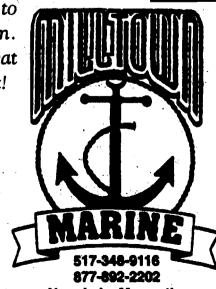
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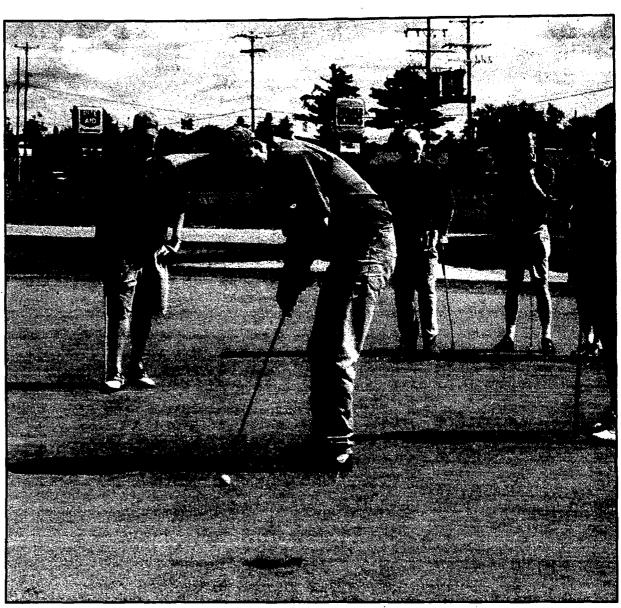
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Tips on TripsBe An Informed Traveler

(NAPSI)-Experts say proper planning is one of the most important steps a traveler can take towards having a great trip. Many experienced travelers recommend using trusted area resources to get the local low-down on destinations before hitting the road.

Services such as convention

and visitors bureaus (CVB), for example, can provide out-of-towners with general information about local attractions, accommodations, restaurants and events to help visitors make the most of their vacations.

The bureaus are staffed with professionals who have a detailed knowledge of their local areas and make it their business to answer virtually any question a traveler may ask.

Travelers can use CVBs to:

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- View a year-round calendar of events
- CVBs can be found throughout the world and can easily be contacted by calling information in a specific area or visiting the Web site:

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Consider the ground cover.
 Grass is best, but sand and gravel are good too.

• If possible, pitch your tent so the wind is at your back and upwind from your campfire site.

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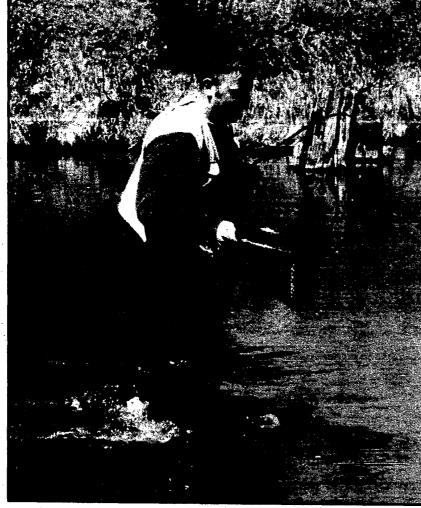
Fishing regulations vary between sections on the rivers with some areas designated for "flies only," and several miles of the AuSable River for "catch and release." The majority of the waters, however, are open to any type of fishing, including flies, hardware, and bait.

Hatch activity generally begins in early March with the onset of spring and the emerging Blackstones. Hendricksons are usually hatching by the opening day of trout season, which is the last Saturday in April (April 28 this year). Afternoon hatches, with little pressure from other river users, makes early to mid-May a popular time for many fly fishers. Other early season hatches include the Little Mahogany, Little Black Caddis, and Blue Winged Olives.

By mid-May, most hatches and spinner falls occur in late afternoon. The Sulfur hatch begins in late May and lasts about two weeks. The first week of June is a popular time on area streams as the Brown Drake hatch

Hatches continue through May and June, generally culminating with the "Hex" hatch, which is the big Michigan Mayfly, the Hexagenia Limbata. This hatch brings the fly fishers in large numbers as it is the time when trophy fish regularly surfacefeed.

August brings the terrestrials: grasshoppers, ants and crickets. The warm sunny days are an ideal time to fish the Browns lying along the grass banks waiting for that careless hopper. As mother nature starts to dip her paintbrush and color the leaves,



Trout Fishing on the Manistee River

enjoy the solitude of a quiet day and cool evening with Brown and Brook Trout becoming more

Area lakes also offer excellent fishing opportunities. Lake Margrethe and Higgins Lake are the two largest bodies of water in the county, offering a variety of lake fishing, with Lake Margrethe giving up good catches of Walleye and Northern Pike. Opening of Bass season usually finds quantities of fair-sized Large- and Smallmouth Bass, which can be fished with live bait as well as artificial.

Lake Margrethe also offers Bluegill and Perch for the panfisherman. Higgins Lake is recognized as being one of the 10 most beautiful lakes in the United States, and it is well worth the time spent to learn how to catch its Brown and Lake Trout, as well as Splake, Higgins also offers very large Northern Pike and is noted for its wintertime Perch and Smelt fishing.

North of Grayling and west of Lovells, off County Road 612, lie some small lakes that are local favorites. K.P. Lake lays claim to trophy Bluegill and good numbers of Bass. Jones Lake is home for Walleye and Bluegill, while Hargrove Lake will give a peaceful afternoon fishing Crappie, Perch and Bluegill.

Most of the streams and lakes



The Annual Kids Fishing Contest on the AuSable

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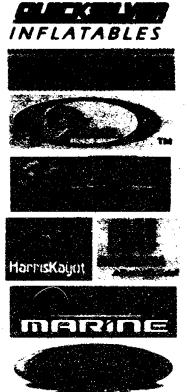


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